IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA AT CHARLESTON

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THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON, : Civil Action

Plaintiff, : No. 3:17-cv-01362

V.

AMERISOURCEBERGEN DRUG CORPORATION, et al.,

Defendants. :

CABELL COUNTY COMMISSION, : Civil Action

Plaintiff, : No. 3:17-cv-01665

v.

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CORPORATION, et al.,

Defendants. :

BENCH TRIAL - VOLUME 13

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                 PROCEEDINGS had before The Honorable David A.
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       Faber, Senior Status Judge, United States District
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       Court, Southern District of West Virginia, in
 4
       Charleston, West Virginia, on May 19, 2021, at 9:00
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       a.m., as follows:
                 THE COURT: Are we ready to go with Mr. Mays?
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                 MS. MCCLURE: He's just waiting outside to make
       sure we didn't have any preliminary issues.
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                 THE COURT: Okay.
10
            Good morning, Mr. Mays.
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            All right, Ms. McClure.
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                        CONTINUED CROSS EXAMINATION
       BY MS. MCCLURE:
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14
            Good morning, Mr. Mays.
15
       Α.
           Good morning.
16
            To orient you back to where we're going to start today,
17
       you had mentioned beginning some investigations after the
18
       internet pharmacy meeting with DEA in 2005. Do you recall
19
       that?
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            Yes, I do.
21
            Okay. And it was Eric Cherveny who was responsible for
22
       running those and reporting to you?
23
       Α.
            Yes, ma'am.
24
            And did he provide updates to you in the investigation?
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       Α.
            Yes, he did.
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- 1 Approximately how many investigations do you recall 2 conducting after the 2005 meeting with DEA? 3 Probably hundreds. Α. 4 0. Hundreds did you say? I'd say hundreds I think. 5 6 Over what time period? Q. 7 I would say over a year or so. 8 And were those documents -- were those investigations 9 documented? 10 Α. Yes, they were. 11 MS. MCCLURE: Your Honor, we're going to introduce 12 a spreadsheet that is limited to the investigations from 13 this time period that were conducted on pharmacies located 14 in the Huntington/Cabell area. 15 For the ease of the Court, we intend to hand out the 16 spreadsheet with those nine investigations, as well as 17 accompanying documents that reference each investigation as 18 a single packet. And I will read the exhibit numbers into 19 the record. But to avoid handing out 10 times, we have 20 compiled it as a packet. 21 May I approach, Your Honor? 22 THE COURT: Yes.
- 23 BY MS. MCCLURE:

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Q. And, Mr. Mays, if you could let me know when you have a minute to look through those.

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            (Pause)
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                 MS. MCCLURE: For purposes of the record, the
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       documents I've handed out all begin with AM-WV-, the first
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       is 000714A, the A being because it's an excerpt of just the
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       Huntington/Cabell pharmacy, 1410, 1418, 1444, which is a
 6
       two-page document, 1413, 1417, 1406, 1415, 1999, 1409, 1416.
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       BY MS. MCCLURE:
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            Mr. Mays, have you had a chance to review this?
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            Yes, ma'am.
10
            Mr. Mays, when you look up the DEA number of a customer
11
       in your database or in the DEA's database, does that tell
12
       you the address of the customer?
            Yes, it does.
13
14
            Okay. The first document, 714-A, can you describe what
15
       this is?
16
            Yes. It's, it's a spreadsheet listing investigation
17
       summary of the Huntington/Cabell customers.
18
            And in Column K is the text roughly the same for each
19
       of those entries?
20
           Yes, it is.
21
            And what does that text say?
22
            It says "account opened, no suspicious, no suspicious
23
       found."
24
            Okay. If we could turn to the document, the first one
25
       behind the spreadsheet, 1410 --
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1
            Ritchie, if you could put that up on the screen,
2
       please.
 3
       Α.
            Okay.
 4
       Q.
            In the top left what customer is this for?
 5
            Drug Emporium 1, Columbus 7/2007.
 6
            Okay. And what year was this investigation done?
       Q.
 7
            Yeah, 2007.
       Α.
 8
            Okay. If you turn to the second page on the back of
 9
       that page, it's a double-sided document.
10
       Α.
           Okay.
11
            One moment. And does this indicate that CSRA initiated
12
       an investigation?
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       Α.
            Yes, it does.
14
            And in the second line, what is that investigation for?
15
       It says for elevated purchase numbers?
16
            Yes, for elevated purchase numbers during April of 2007
17
       of hydrocodone and Alprazolam.
18
            Now, is that an -- is this an investigation resulting
19
       from a single order or is this a different kind of
20
       investigation?
21
            Let me withdraw that and ask that question again.
22
            Is this a customer level due diligence investigation?
23
       Α.
            I believe it is because it's talking about elevated
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Okay. And was that the nature of the investigations

purchase numbers and not like a single order.

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Q.

- 1 that Eric Cherveny was generally conducting in this time 2 period, customer level? 3 Yes, it was. 4 Q. Okay. And if you review the summary on the second 5 page, does it indicate that the license of the customer was 6 checked? 7 MR. ACKERMAN: Objection to the leading, Your 8 Honor. 9 THE COURT: Overruled. 10 THE WITNESS: Can you repeat the question? 11 BY MS. MCCLURE: 12 Sure. Does the second page, the description, include the fact that the -- a license was checked for 13 14 this customer? And it's also highlighted on your 15 screen. 16 Yes. It says all the registrations are valid. I think 17 that's for the -- well, that's for the physician. They 18 indicate the DEA registration. 19 In the fifth line does it say -- can you read what the 20 sentence says that begins "The pharmacy"? 21 Yes. It says, "The pharmacy is licensed by the State 22 of West Virginia." 23
 - you can rephrase your questions.

Q. Okay.

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THE COURT: You are leading him, Ms. McClure, if

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                 MS. MCCLURE: Okay. Your Honor, --
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                 THE COURT: The first one, I think, was a
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       preliminary question to introduce him to the area of
 4
       inquiry, but --
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                 MS. MCCLURE: Understood, Your Honor.
 6
                 THE COURT: And I realize this is
 7
       cross-examination, but he's basically your witness.
                 MS. MCCLURE: I understand, Your Honor. I've been
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 9
       attempting to be diligent about not leading the witness.
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       BY MS. MCCLURE:
11
           Mr. Mays, what is the conclusion of the concluding
12
       statement in this investigation?
13
            Well, after he completed his investigation, checked,
14
       you know, the licensing, gathered all the facts, had the,
15
       had the account manager complete a 590, and after all the
16
       internet searches just to see if there's any sort of
17
       internet pharmacy, and the -- there was no indication of
18
       diversion was the final determination.
19
           Okay. Thank you. Can we turn to the next document
20
       which is 1418. What pharmacy is this for on the first page?
21
            This is for SafeScript Pharmacy #6.
22
            Okay. What does it indicate the date in the top left
23
       of when this was opened?
24
            June of 2007.
       Α.
25
            If you turn to the following page, the back page, does
       Q.
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- this generally reflect a portion of the investigation that
- was conducted for SafeScript?
- 3 A. Yes, it does.
- 4 Q. Okay. Now, Mr. Mays, if you turn to the next document
- 5 in this package, which is the two-page document that begins
- 6 | 1444, it's a blank page and it says "document produced
- 7 | natively." And then you turn to the second page.
- 8 Does this text, based on your experience, also go with
- 9 the SafeScript investigation that is at 1418?
- 10 A. Yes, it does because it's, it's the same matter number.
- 11 Q. Okay. So in the left on this page it says RA07-1051.
- 12 Is that the matter number?
- 13 **A.** Yes, it is.
- 14 Q. Okay. And is a unique matter assigned each time an
- 15 investigation like this was opened by the Lawtrac system?
- 16 **A.** Yes, it is.
- 17 Q. And if you turn back to the first SafeScript document,
- 18 | 1418, in the top right what is that matter number?
- 19 **A.** RAO7-1051.
- 20 Q. And that's the same as the second document at 1444;
- 21 correct?
- 22 A. That's correct.
- 23 Q. So if you turn to the second page of 1418, the text
- 24 | matches some of the text in 1444. But does 1444 have more
- 25 text?

- 1 A. Yes, it does.
- 2 Q. Okay. Can you briefly describe a summary of this
- 3 investigation and the conclusions drawn from it?
- 4 A. Let me read through it real quick.
- 5 (Pause)
- 6 Yeah. It goes through what, what I would expect to see
- 7 | in this other one. I'm not sure why the text is missing
- 8 from the other one.
- 9 **Q.** Okay.
- 10 A. But this describes all of the information that, that
- 11 the account manager, Michael Perry, had, had found upon his
- 12 visit to the, to the pharmacy.
- 13 Q. And, in fact, Mr. Mays, on the longer document, 1444,
- 14 | in the very first entry at the top, the concluding line of
- 15 | it, 6/20/07, what is the conclusion there that begins with
- 16 | the word "investigation does not"?
- 17 A. Oh, it says, "The investigation does not indicate any
- 18 type of diversion."
- 19 Q. And does that indicate to you that the investigation
- 20 | that CSRA was conducting of SafeScript in June of '07 was
- 21 | concluded in June of '07?
- 22 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 23 Q. And the update that is later in this page, do you have
- 24 any information as to why that update may have been added
- 25 later?

- 1 A. No, I'm not really sure. It looks to be several months
- 2 later that it was added. So I'm not sure exactly what that
- 3 | would be.
- 4 Q. Okay, the next document, 1413, top left. What pharmacy
- 5 | is this and what year was this investigation?
- 6 A. This, this is Medical Arts Pharmacy.
- 7 Q. And when you turn to the second page of 1413, does that
- 8 also reach a conclusion as to whether there was any
- 9 information justifying stopping controlled substances
- 10 service?
- 11 A. No, it doesn't. It says the customer will continue to
- 12 receive controlled substances until such time additional
- information becomes available requiring further
- 14 | investigation. And they requested to close the file and
- 15 submit a copy to me.
- 16 Q. Okay. Next document, 1417, what pharmacy is this?
- 17 A. This is S & F Pharmacy doing business as Fruths
- 18 Pharmacy, May, 2007.
- 19 Q. Okay. And if you turn to the second page --
- 20 **A.** Yes.
- 21 **Q.** -- does the investigator find or not find any evidence
- of diversion occurring after the investigation?
- 23 A. No. After he completed the investigation, he says that
- 24 | the investigation does not indicate any diversion.
- 25 Q. Okay. And the next document, 1406, what pharmacy is

- 1 this?
- 2 A. This is S & F Pharmacy #2, June of '07.
- 3 Q. Thank you. And if you turn to the back page where it
- 4 describes the investigation, does this investigator find or
- 5 | not find any indication of diversion?
- 6 A. They did not. This investigation does not indicate any
- 7 type of diversion.
- 8 Q. And the next document, 1415, top left, what is this
- 9 document -- pharmacy, I'm sorry.
- 10 A. Medical Park Pharmacy, May of '07.
- 11 Q. And if you turn to the back, does this investigation --
- 12 after the activities that are described in that paragraph,
- does this investigation determine -- does this investigator
- 14 determine that there was or was not any indication of
- 15 diversion?
- 16 A. There was not any indication of any type of diversion.
- 17 Q. 1999. Do you know why this one looks a little bit
- 18 | different?
- 19 A. Not really sure. I don't know. Maybe it was -- it may
- 20 have been a different version or an upgrade, a different
- 21 version of Lawtrac.
- 22 Q. Okay. The top, in the center top, which pharmacy is
- 23 this investigation for?
- 24 A. This is McCloud Pharmacy.
- 25 Q. And what month and year was this?

- 1 **A.** June of 2007.
- Q. Okay. And in the middle entry, does it indicate
- 3 | whether the investigator found or not -- did not find any
- 4 evidence of diversion?
- 5 A. He states the investigation does not indicate any type
- 6 of diversion.
- 7 Q. And then in the entry above that on 6/28/12, is that a
- 8 different, a different type of inquiry received?
- 9 A. Yes. It looks like there was a threshold review
- 10 request.
- 11 **Q.** Okay. And was that denied or granted?
- 12 A. Let's see. It was denied.
- 13 Q. Thank you. And then the next document, 1409, what
- 14 | pharmacy is this?
- 15 A. This is Budget Discount Pharmacy, Columbus.
- 16 Q. And when we, when we look up the DEA number which is
- indicated in the description there, would that DEA number --
- 18 | I think you've testified would give us the address for this
- 19 customer?
- 20 **A.** Yes.
- 21 Q. Okay. So it says Columbus. Do you know whether that's
- 22 because the pharmacy is in Columbus or this was serviced out
- of Columbus?
- 24 A. No. I think -- I believe it indicates it's a Columbus
- customer. So if you look down halfway through the page

- 1 | where it says "location hierarchy," --
- 2 **Q.** Uh-huh.
- 3 A. -- it shows the ABDC Northeast Region and the Columbus
- 4 distribution center.
- 5 Q. Okay. If you turn to the description on the back page
- 6 in the first line does it, however, indicate that this
- 7 | customer is in Huntington, West Virginia?
- 8 A. Yes, it does.
- 9 Q. Okay. And the description there indicates an
- 10 investigation was conducted. Did this investigator find or
- 11 | not find any evidence of diversion?
- 12 A. It says there was no indication of diversion.
- 13 Q. Okay. And then 1416, what is this pharmacy?
- 14 | A. This is Medicap Pharmacy 317. I guess that's -- I'm
- 15 | not sure what the 317 is. June of '07.
- 16 Q. And then in the back page after the description of the
- investigation, does it indicate that the investigator here
- 18 | did or did not find any evidence of diversion?
- 19 A. The investigation does not indicate any type of
- 20 diversion.
- 21 Q. Okay. Thank you. If we could go back to this
- 22 spreadsheet which is 714A, if we could put that up on the
- 23 screen. The initials in Column J where it says INV, who is
- 24 EH to your knowledge?
- 25 A. That would be Ed Hazewski.

- 1 **Q.** SK?
- 2 A. Scott Kirsch.
- $3 \quad Q. \quad TW?$
- 4 A. I can't think of that one. Ted Will. He was one of
- 5 the investigators, yes.
- 6 **o**. JJ?
- 7 A. I'm not sure about that one. It could be John Jessie
- 8 | but I'm not positive.
- 9 Q. And are these individuals, the ones that you
- 10 identified, all members of the CSRA team?
- 11 **A.** Yes.
- 12 Q. Are any of them salespeople?
- 13 A. No, they are not.
- 14 Q. Did sales play any role in this investigation other
- than collection of the 590 and taking photographs?
- 16 A. That's it. That's all they do.
- 17 Q. So the investigations were conducted entirely by CSRA
- 18 personnel?
- 19 A. That's correct.
- 20 Q. Mr. Mays, did DEA ever indicate to you that they were
- 21 not pleased with your efforts to address the illegal
- 22 pharmacy -- illegal internet pharmacy problem after the
- 23 meeting you had with them in August of 2005?
- 24 A. No, they did not.
- Q. Okay. Mr. Mays, you can set those documents aside. I

- 1 want to turn your attention to the time frame of April of
- 2 2007.
- 3 **A.** Okay.
- 4 Q. What happened with the DEA in April of 2007?
- 5 **A.** In April of 2007 they suspended the DEA registration of
- 6 our Orlando distribution center in Florida.
- 7 Q. How do you know that?
- 8 A. I got a call from the facility manager letting me know
- 9 that DEA was there to suspend the registration and put a
- 10 lock on the cage and vault.
- 11 Q. Was this serious --
- 12 **A.** Yes.
- 13 Q. -- from your perspective?
- 14 A. Yes, very serious, yes.
- 15 **Q.** What did you do?
- 16 A. Well, I immediately told my boss. And then I ran into
- the CEO in the hallway and I had to be the one to tell him.
- 18 And then we went to the general counsel's office and called
- 19 | the -- I'm sorry?
- 20 **Q.** I'll just instruct you not to divulge any conversations
- 21 | you had directly with general counsel. It's privileged.
- 22 **A.** Oh, okay, sorry.
- 23 | Q. When you said -- you were going to say something,
- 24 "called the," was that going to be an outside person or
- 25 another legal counsel?

- 1 A. No, we were calling the DEA, --
- 2 Q. Okay. You can continue.
- 3 A. -- people in Orlando to find out what's going on.
- 4 Q. And you said you notified your boss. Who was your boss
- 5 at this time?
- 6 A. Chris Zimmerman.
- 7 Q. Did you call anyone else other than the DEA in Orlando?
- 8 A. I called Mike Mapes.
- 9 **Q.** Why?
- 10 **A.** Because we had been working together for a couple of
- 11 years on this issue and it was a shock to us because I had
- been working with him all along on the issues and --
- 13 Q. You said -- I'm sorry. I did not mean to interrupt.
- 14 A. No. I had just -- I'm like, "What's going on?" And he
- 15 | didn't know.
- 16 Q. So when you said it was a shock to us, did you mean it
- was a shock to you or Mapes or both?
- 18 **A.** It was a surprise to both of us.
- 19 **Q.** Why was this a surprise to you?
- 20 A. Because we had been working closely with, with DEA,
- 21 with Mike Mapes and the team on, you know, our, our program
- 22 and the things that they wanted us to do to detect diversion
- and investigate these pharmacies. And we didn't feel like
- 24 we were doing -- we thought we were doing everything we were
- 25 supposed to be doing.

- 1 Q. Did you believe you would have received some sort of
- 2 outreach if you had not been doing what you were supposed to
- 3 be doing?
- 4 A. Yes. I expected to, yes.
- 5 Q. Why would you expect that?
- 6 A. Because we had always had that kind of relationship
- 7 | with DEA.
- 8 Q. And do you recall if any of the pharmacies mentioned in
- 9 | the immediate -- I'm sorry. What documents did DEA serve in
- order to effectuate that closure of the Orlando facility?
- 11 A. I think it was like a -- I think it's called an
- 12 Immediate Suspension Order or something like that.
- 13 Q. And did they reference any specific pharmacies in that
- 14 | Immediate Suspension Order?
- 15 A. Yes, they did.
- 16 Q. And do you recall whether any investigations had
- 17 already been conducted by AmerisourceBergen into those
- 18 pharmacies?
- 19 A. I believe all of them were.
- 20 Q. And do you know if -- at the time DEA served the
- 21 Immediate Suspension Order, were we servicing at that time
- 22 all of those pharmacies mentioned in it or had some of them
- already been terminated in terms of controlled substances?
- 24 A. We weren't servicing all of them. I know at least -- I
- 25 think half of them we had already -- we had cut off for

- 1 quite some time.
- 2 Q. Okay. Did Orlando -- did DEA move to shut down any
- 3 other AmerisourceBergen distribution centers?
- 4 A. No, they did not.
- 5 Q. So was this limited to Orlando only?
- 6 **A.** Yes.
- 7 MR. ACKERMAN: Object to form. Objection --
- 8 sorry.
- 9 MS. MCCLURE: I'll rephrase.
- 10 BY MS. MCCLURE:
- 11 Q. Was Orlando the only distribution center affected?
- 12 **A.** Yes, it was.
- 13 Q. And was Orlando shipping products at this time,
- 14 | controls or non-controls or anything into the Huntington,
- 15 West Virginia, area?
- 16 A. No, they were not.
- 17 Q. And did DEA limit Orlando's ability to distribute any
- 18 non-controlled products?
- 19 A. No, they did not.
- 20 Q. So the facility in Orlando was open for non-controlled
- 21 products; correct?
- 22 **A.** Yes, yes.
- 23 Q. And was there any -- was there any change to
- 24 | AmerisourceBergen's ability to ship controlled substances
- out of the Orlando facility in the few days after the

suspension?

- 2 A. Yes. The -- we got a -- I think it's called special
- dispensation with DEA to allow us to continue servicing the
- 4 Department of Defense accounts and hospitals I believe.
- 5 Q. And that continuation of service that you got a special
- dispensation for from DEA, was that for both controlled and
- 7 non-controlled products?
- 8 A. It was for controls because we could already ship
- 9 non-controlled.
- 10 Q. Okay. And, in fact, why would you need that special
- 11 dispensation?
- 12 A. Well, because our registration was suspended, so we
- couldn't legally distribute any controlled substances. So
- 14 | that meant that the DOD accounts and these other key
- accounts that they didn't have any concerns about diversion
- 16 | were not able to get their controls. And we were -- they
- 17 were our customers.
- 18 Q. Was AmerisourceBergen at this time able to ship
- 19 | controlled substances into Florida from any other
- 20 distribution center?
- 21 **A.** Yes.
- 22 Q. And how was that -- how would that come to be?
- 23 A. So we had to work with the Florida Department of Health
- 24 and expedite a license for our Columbus, Ohio, distribution
- center so they could ship controls to Florida. And, so, we

1 got that license and then they started servicing the Florida 2 customers with controlled substances out of Columbus. 3 0. And was DEA aware of the fact that you were obtaining a 4 license from Florida and then shipping controlled substances 5 into Florida from Columbus? MR. ACKERMAN: Objection. 6 7 MS. MCCLURE: Okay. THE COURT: What's the basis? 8 9 MR. ACKERMAN: Speculation, foundation. 10 MS. MCCLURE: Well, --11 BY MS. MCCLURE: 12 Mr. Mays, do you know whether DEA was --13 THE COURT: I'll sustain the objection. You can 14 go ahead. 15 BY MS. MCCLURE: 16 Do you know whether DEA was aware of the fact that 17 AmerisourceBergen was shipping products -- controlled 18 substances into Florida from the Columbus distribution 19 center? 20 Oh, yes, they were aware. 21 How do you know that? 22 I -- they brought it up during the initial discussions, 23 you know, something to the effect of, "We know you can

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service the customers from another DC."

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Q.

- Control Program the same for Columbus and for Orlando or
- 2 were there differences?
- 3 A. No, they would be the same.
- 4 Q. Thank you. What happened after this was -- this
- 5 Immediate Suspension -- I believe you said it was at the end
- 6 of April?
- 7 A. It was sometime around the 24th, I believe, something
- 8 like that, of April.
- 9 Q. Okay. What happened next?
- 10 A. Well, as soon as we had the conversation with the, the
- DEA agents that were serving the suspension, they had
- 12 already scheduled a meeting with us for the next day at
- 13 their headquarters.
- 14 Q. Did you attend that meeting?
- 15 **A.** Yes, I did.
- 16 Q. And was that in Washington, D.C., or the area?
- 17 A. Yes, at DEA's headquarters. I believe it's Arlington.
- 18 **Q.** And what do you recall about that meeting?
- 19 A. There were several of us there, so I didn't do a lot of
- 20 | talking. They were pretty much telling us in general what
- 21 they expected us to do. And then there were further
- 22 negotiations and meetings that I wasn't a part of.
- 23 | Q. And what did you understand that they expected you to
- 24 do?
- 25 A. They wanted us to put a program together where we would

- stop an order before it is shipped and find a way to
- determine whether that order is suspicious and report it
- 3 before shipping.
- 4 Q. Let me break that down a little bit.
- 5 **A.** Okay.
- 6 Q. Prior to this time, had you always -- has the company
- 7 and, to your understanding, the industry always shipped
- 8 orders that had been reported to the DEA as suspicious?
- 9 A. Yeah, for the most part, you know, other than the
- 10 manual cage and vault where we had the base levels,
- 11 | sometimes those orders may have been stopped. But, in
- general, the orders were always shipped.
- 13 Q. And after this meeting with DEA, you understood that
- 14 orders were -- could continue to be shipped or could no
- longer be shipped if they were deemed suspicious by the
- 16 company?
- 17 A. They did not tell us we could not ship a suspicious
- 18 order, but they wanted us to determine whether it was
- 19 suspicious prior to shipping.
- 20 Q. Okay. After this meeting, what happened -- after this
- 21 | meeting, what happened?
- 22 A. Okay. So I was put in charge of going back to the
- office and working with the team to, you know, build this
- 24 enhanced program based on information that, that my boss and
- 25 legal counsel were getting with -- from their meetings with

1 DEA. 2 So they were continuing their -- excuse me -- their 3 meetings and negotiations. And then they would tell me, 4 "Okay, here's what you need to do." So we would start 5 putting things in place to get that accomplished. 6 Okay. And was this -- was the changes limited to just Ο. 7 the Order Monitoring Program or was DEA's involvement with 8 our Diversion Control Program broader than just the OMP? 9 They, they wanted us to expand on our due 10 diligence that we had started after the 2005 meeting to 11 implement that for new customers that were coming on board. 12 So we would do new customer due diligence and build this 13 Order Monitoring Program. 14 Okay. Let's start to focus first on the changes to the 15 Order Monitoring Program. 16 Α. Okay. 17 Did you do this by yourself at AmerisourceBergen? 18 No, no. Α. 19 With whom did you primarily work? 20 Very closely with Jim Jackson. I think he was in sales 21 operations. 22 And why Jim Jackson? Q. 23 He, he was, he was kind of one of those people that you 24 can kind of ask to do anything and they can do anything. So

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he had a lot of knowledge of the industry and he had a lot

- of knowledge of the technical side of the business. And,
- 2 so, he worked with us to help us build this program.
- 3 Q. Did DEA have any involvement in helping to design the
- 4 new program?
- 5 **A.** Yes.
- 6 Q. How do you know that?
- 7 A. So -- well, Mike Mapes and -- Mike Mapes was assigned
- 8 to work with us basically every step of the way. So he came
- 9 to the corporate office just about every week. So he was
- 10 there the whole time and assisted us in developing the
- 11 program. He was there for us to ask questions while we were
- in the process of building the program.
- So Kyle Wright was with him most of the time. And also
- 14 | Scott Davis from the Philadelphia office was there for quite
- 15 some time also.
- 16 Q. Do you mean they were physically in AmerisourceBergen's
- 17 offices?
- 18 A. Physically there, yes.
- 19 Q. So if -- the Immediate Suspension Order is at the end
- of April. Which month was it that Mike Mapes and Kyle
- 21 Wright were physically on-site working with
- 22 AmerisourceBergen to design the program?
- 23 A. Basically, most of the month of April, May, and June,
- 24 part of June I think.
- 25 Q. It would have been the end of April; right?

- 1 A. Yeah, the end of April, yeah, I'm sorry, yeah, after the suspension.
- Q. And I believe you said they also, in addition to the OMP, asked you to do what with due diligence?
 - A. To, to put a process in place to do new customer due diligence. So, so what we were doing for existing customers that were being flagged on the reports for suspicious orders, they wanted us to do that same due diligence for new customers, all new customers, retail pharmacies. They excluded -- they exempted hospitals and chains.
 - Q. And did they review any customer due diligence files that AmerisourceBergen had?
- **A.** Yes.

- 14 Q. How do you know that?
 - A. Because they asked to see some. But, for the most part, we were taking our due diligence files to them and our investigation files to say, you know, "Look through this and let us know what you think, you know, we should do," because some of them were, some of them were really kind of head-scratchers just because of the high volume that they were doing. But we could not find any diversion. We visited some of them several times and could not find any diversion, but we just knew the volume was high.

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who were on-site at your headquarters in this time frame?

And did you raise the volume issue to the DEA personnel

- 1 A. Yes, we did.
- 2 Q. And what was your understanding of their response?
- 3 A. Well, they looked at one in particular and for some
- 4 reason I can't think of the name of the pharmacy, but it was
- 5 in West Virginia. And they said it looks -- you know, after
- 6 they reviewed the file, which was probably six inches thick
- 7 of all the different due diligence visits and all the
- 8 reports and everything we had done, they said, "It looks
- 9 like you've done all you can do."
- 10 **Q.** For all of the customers whose due diligence files you
- 11 presented to DEA, did DEA advise you to make any changes or
- 12 stop servicing any of those customers?
- 13 **A.** No.
- 14 Q. And do you, do you recall approximately how many due
- diligence files DEA reviewed on-site?
- 16 A. No. I wish -- they looked at several. I would say
- probably a couple of dozen, but I'm not positive about that.
- 18 Q. And, so, did AmerisourceBergen successfully develop a
- 19 revised Order Monitoring Program to be implemented at
- 20 distribution centers?
- 21 A. Yes, we did.
- 22 Q. And was that just limited to the Orlando distribution
- center or was it implemented more broadly?
- 24 A. Oh, it was, it was implemented across all of ABDC.
- 25 Q. Did that result in a change to how AmerisourceBergen

- was handling orders that are flagged?
- 2 **A.** Yes.

- 3 Q. What was the change?
- 4 A. Well, we had to stop an order that, that we had --
- 5 after we had built the thresholds in the system, anything
- 6 that exceeded that threshold was stopped and reviewed by
- 7 | the, by the distribution center. If they weren't sure they
- 8 | could clear it, you know, if they weren't 100 percent
- 9 comfortable with it, they would send it up to CSRA to
- 10 review. This would be before the order is shipped. So it
- 11 | could not be shipped until it was reviewed.
- 12 Q. And what would CSRA do with those orders?
- 13 A. So if they sent an order up to CSRA to be reviewed, we
- 14 | would -- our investigators would look at the customer, look
- 15 at the file and all the information we had. And in most --
- 16 in many cases, they could go ahead and release the order.
- 17 And in other cases, they would determine it was suspicious
- 18 and report it to DEA.
- 19 Q. Now, this whole process that you've described, was this
- 20 | implemented -- was this known to DEA that this was the
- 21 process that AmerisourceBergen would be implementing?
- 22 A. Yes, they were there every step of the way.
- 23 Q. Did DEA do any testing of the implementation of this
- Order Monitoring Program at distribution centers?
- 25 A. Yes, they did.

1 How do you know that? 2 They told us that they were going to go to -- after 3 we -- when we -- once we implemented the program, they were 4 going to go to five distribution centers and test it to see 5 how it worked at the distribution center level. 6 I believe some of those five were -- they told us where 7 they were, and then there were one or two where they didn't 8 tell us they were going until like the last minute. 9 And, so, what did those site visits and reviews entail? 10 MR. ACKERMAN: Objection. 11 THE COURT: What's the basis? 12 MR. ACKERMAN: So I -- it seems that the basis for 13 the witness's knowledge on the subject is hearsay. 14 MS. MCCLURE: Oh. 15 MR. ACKERMAN: He's testifying as to what the DEA 16 told him. 17 MS. MCCLURE: I asked what --18 MR. ACKERMAN: I just don't have a foundation for 19 what the DEA did at various --20 THE COURT: Well, if he knows what the visits and 21 reviews entailed from his personal knowledge, he can answer. 22 Overruled. 23 BY MS. MCCLURE: 24 Mr. Mays, do you have any knowledge personally as 25 to what those DEA site visits entailed?

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- Yes, because I went on three of them personally. think the first one was in Williamston, Michigan. They -basically, we walked them through the whole process of how an order hits their system, if it exceeds threshold, what the DC does with it, then how it gets sent to corporate, and then they could see that whole process about whether the order, you know, whether -- they saw the whole process of an order being released or an order being rejected and reported as suspicious. That was basically it. They didn't do like a full, a full cyclical inspection that DEA would do, but they were mainly there to test our Order Monitoring Program. Those three that you attended, do you recall how long those reviews took? I think a couple of days each one. Now, you've also said that they reviewed the process from start to finish of an order coming in, including how corporate handled it. Did they review the process at the corporate level as well, meaning --Α. Oh, yes. -- AmerisourceBergen's headquarters? 0. I didn't mean to interrupt you. Yes, they did. Α.
- They would look -- they could look on the screen to see 24 how the investigator was handling the orders. They knew the
- 25 options the investigator had. They would see what they

And how do you know that?

- 1 | would look at, the type of documents and records and history
- 2 that they would look at.
- 3 Q. Do you have personal knowledge of the corporate piece
- 4 of this when they viewed the system at corporate
- 5 headquarters?
- 6 **A.** Yes.
- 7 Q. And was this revised Order Monitoring Program
- 8 implemented nationwide after this time?
- 9 A. Yes, it was.
- 10 Q. And did the company get its license restored to the
- 11 Orlando facility?
- 12 A. Yes, it did.
- 13 Q. And do you know when that was?
- 14 A. I believe it was -- there was a settlement agreement in
- June, and then I think the license was restored in August,
- 16 | if I'm not mistaken, or lifted the suspension.
- 17 Q. And were those reviews that DEA did on-site, did those
- occur after the settlement agreement?
- 19 A. Yes, they did.
- 20 Q. And is it your understanding that your license could
- 21 only be restored if the DEA had approved the system and
- 22 those five audits you mentioned?
- 23 A. Right. That was my understanding that was the
- 24 stipulation that they, they had to successfully complete
- 25 those five inspections. And then if everything was going

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       well, then they would lift the suspension.
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            And as a result of that settlement, do you have an
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       understanding as to whether AmerisourceBergen paid any fines
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       to DEA?
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       AmerisourceBergen admitted any liability or violation?
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            To your knowledge, did DEA ever shut down any other
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       distribution center of AmerisourceBergen?
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                 THE COURT: We have to change court reporters
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       early today to accommodate my sister Judge Berger. And, so,
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       we'll be in recess for 10 minutes.
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                 MS. MCCLURE: Thank you.
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(Recess taken at 9:46 a.m.)

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                 THE COURT: Okay, Ms. McClure.
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                 MS. MCCLURE: Your Honor, I neglected to move the
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       admission of some documents, so I will go ahead and do that
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       now, which is the spreadsheet that I handed out, 714, as
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       well as 1410, 1418, 1444, 1413, 1417, 1406, 1415, 1999,
       1416, 1409.
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                 THE COURT: Is there any objection to any of
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       these?
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                 MR. FARRELL: No, Your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: All right. They're all admitted.
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            I'm a little confused about what the purpose of these
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       are. Are you just showing the examples of the procedure
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       they used to review the pharmacies?
                 MS. MCCLURE: Yes, Your Honor. So, this is
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       intended to demonstrate to Your Honor that in this 2007,
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       early 2007 time frame, that nine pharmacies in Huntington
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       and Cabell were subject to a customer-level due diligence
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       investigation by CSRA.
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                 THE COURT: I thought that's what you were up to.
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       Thank you.
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                 MS. MCCLURE: I'm sorry if I didn't make that
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       clear.
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                 THE COURT: Thank you. Okay. They're all
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        DEFENSE EXHIBITS 714, 1410, 1418, 1444, 1413, 1417, 1406,
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1 1415, 1999, 1416, 1409 ADMITTED 2 MS. MCCLURE: Thank you. 3 BY MS. MCCLURE: 4 Now, Mr. May [sic] --Q. 5 Yes, ma'am. As a result -- Mr. Mays, I'm sorry. I -- I still 6 7 sometimes do that. As a result of this new program that was 8 implemented in the Summer of 2007 at all AmerisourceBergen 9 distribution centers, if an order was deemed suspicious by 10 AmerisourceBergen after this new program was launched, was 11 it shipped or not shipped? 12 It was not shipped. 13 You've also talked about a Form 590 due diligence that 14 was begun around this time. Did the DEA require Form 590s 15 to be done on chain pharmacies? 16 They were exempted. Α. No. 17 Exempted by whom? Q. 18 DEA. As part of the settlement, they were exempted. 19 And you oversaw the rollout of this new Order 20 Monitoring Program at AmerisourceBergen? 21 Α. Yes, I did. 22 Based on your entire experience from this time frame, 23 did you believe that DEA had knowledge of all of the 24 elements of the new Order Monitoring Program? 25 They -- they assisted us and supervised the whole Α.

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- 1 process.
- 2 Q. Including not just the Order Monitoring Program, but
- does that include the due diligence process, as well?
- 4 A. Yes, absolutely.
- 5 Q. Based on your understanding, do you believe that DEA
- 6 had approved this program?
- 7 **A.** Yes.
- 8 Q. Mr. Mays, what is a DEA Pharmaceutical Industry
- 9 Conference?
- 10 **A.** That is a conference that DEA typically puts on every
- 11 two years and it is for distributors and manufacturers and
- 12 | it's -- it's put on by DEA and it's typically just to update
- 13 the -- update the industry on any new regulations or
- 14 anything the DEA wants to update the industry on.
- 15 **Q.** And did you attend that conference in September of
- 16 2007?
- 17 **A.** Yes, I did.
- 18 Q. And did anyone else from AmerisourceBergen attend that
- conference in September, 2007?
- 20 A. Yes. Chris Zimmerman did.
- 21 **Q.** Did Mr. Zimmerman have a role at that conference?
- 22 A. Yes, he did. The DEA had asked him to come and present
- our new program to the rest of the industry.
- 24 Q. And so, the attendees at this conference include both
- DEA personnel and industry people; is that correct?

- A. That is correct.
- 2 Q. Did anyone else speak along with Chris Zimmerman at
- 3 this presentation?

- 4 A. I believe, yes, Mike Mapes did.
- 5 Q. And was Mike Mapes employed by DEA at the time?
- 6 A. Yes, he was.
- 7 Q. Do you have any knowledge as to why Mr. Zimmerman
- 8 presented in 2007?
- 9 A. Well, my understanding was the DEA wanted us to present
- 10 | our program to the rest of the industry because they wanted
- 11 the rest of the industry to put the same or a similar
- 12 program in place.
- MS. MCCLURE: Okay. We're going to go ahead and
- 14 | hand out DEF-WV-00001, which has already been admitted into
- 15 | evidence but in light of -- we just don't want people to
- 16 have to dig around.
- 17 May I approach, Your Honor?
- 18 THE COURT: Yes.
- 19 BY MS. MCCLURE:
- 20 Q. Mr. Mays, if you could take a look at that and let me
- 21 know when you have had a chance to do so.
- 22 A. Yes, I'm familiar with it.
- 23 **Q.** Okay.
- 24 MS. MCCLURE: Richie, if you could put that up on
- 25 the screen, please.

1 MS. MCCLURE: 2 On this cover page, who does this indicate that this 3 presentation was given by? 4 Who it was given by? 5 Ο. Correct. 6 Yes, Chris Zimmerman. 7 Did you -- did you attend this presentation yourself? Q. 8 Yes, I did. 9 Okay. If we could turn to the page that is 10 ABDC-001824, which is about six pages in. Mr. Mays, what is 11 this slide? 12 This is a slide describing the components of our 13 Diversion Control Program. 14 Based on your knowledge of DEA's on-site activities at 15 AmerisourceBergen in 2007, did they review our entire 16 Diversion Control Program? 17 Yes, they did. Α. 18 The next page at the top, what does the second bullet 19 say? I'm sorry, the one that begins "retail"? 20 "Retail chain pharmacies are exempted." 21 And that's that process you just talked about in terms 22 of new customer due diligence?

Q. Okay. If you could turn to 1827, a couple pages down,

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and the bottom two bullets, could you read those aloud?

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"Historically controlled substance/listed chemical order monitoring has been based on a ship and report process. ABC's OMP process is now based on identify, capture, investigate, and report suspicious orders, all prior to shipment." Ο. Thank you. MR. ACKERMAN: Your Honor, I'm happy to let counsel spend a little time on this, but we already had Mr. Zimmerman here to testify about the presentation that he provided, so I'm a bit confused as to why this isn't cumulative. MS. MCCLURE: Your Honor, Mr. Mays was the individual who was personally responsible for implementing this new Order Monitoring Program at AmerisourceBergen and, therefore, his knowledge is of a slightly different nature. THE COURT: Yeah. I'll overrule the objection. Overruled. Go ahead. MS. MCCLURE: I did not review this document with Mr. Zimmerman. BY MS. MCCLURE: The next page, 1828 --Ο. Yes, ma'am. Α. Customer account type and size, are these things that based on your understanding and knowledge of the process the

DEA reviewed in terms of AmerisourceBergen's new Order

- 1 | Monitoring Program?
- 2 A. Yes, they did.
- Q. And two more pages in, 1830, OMP item family and
- 4 threshold, are these also elements of the program that DEA
- 5 | based on your understanding and understanding had -- had
- 6 involvement in and had -- was knowledgeable about at
- 7 AmerisourceBergen?
- 8 A. Yes. They -- they were in knowledge of the whole
- 9 process.
- 10 **Q.** Okay, 1832.
- 11 **A.** Okay.
- 12 Q. The bottom, OMP review. I want to go back to one
- thing. When Mr. Farrell was asking you some questions, he
- 14 | was using the phrase "due diligence" when it comes to
- reviewing a single order that has come in. Is that
- 16 | terminology correct as it is applied to AmerisourceBergen's
- 17 Order Monitoring Program?
- 18 A. Well, for a single order, it would be more of an
- 19 investigation than due diligence.
- 20 Q. So, is an investigation something that is limited to
- 21 that order then?
- 22 A. It's typically that order and that customer.
- 23 Q. Okay. And is that called order review at
- 24 AmerisourceBergen?
- 25 A. We have order review at the Distribution Center level

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       and then initially at CSRA, unless they determine it's
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       suspicious, and then they do a further investigation.
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       Sales do order review or investigation?
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            Okay. When it comes to a threshold increase, does
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       Sales play any role in a decision about whether to increase
       a customer's threshold?
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            No, they do not.
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           Circling back to P-187, which is that chart that you
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       described as showing the process flow for orders at
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       AmerisourceBergen, do you recall this chart?
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            Based on your experience and knowledge having been
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       present with the DEA during their on-site time in May and
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       June of 2007, as well as the functionality reviews after the
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       Settlement Agreement, okay, did DEA have knowledge of the
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       following: The use of customer type, sizing, drug product
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       family, peer groups, averages, use of multipliers and the
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       order monitoring process generally at AmerisourceBergen?
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                 MR. FARRELL: Objection, foundation and compound.
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                 MS. MCCLURE: I'm happy to break them up into
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       individual increments, Your Honor, but this is --
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                 THE COURT: Okay. Do that, if you will, please.
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Otherwise, the objection is sustained.

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                 MS. MCCLURE: Your Honor --
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       on-site activities at the time of the implementation of this
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       type in the Order Monitoring Program?
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            Yes, they did.
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            And how about sizing?
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            Yes, they did.
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       Q.
            Peer groups?
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            Yes, they did.
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       Q.
            Use of averages?
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            Yes, they did.
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            Use of multipliers?
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                 MR. FARRELL: Objection, Your Honor, foundation.
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                 THE COURT: Well, overruled. He's testified at
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       length about his familiarity with this program, hasn't he?
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                 MR. FARRELL: I believe what he's testifying to
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       now, Your Honor, is the question put to him does the DEA
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       have knowledge of the multiplier and no foundation has been
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       laid by this witness as to how he knows the DEA knows about
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       the multiplier.
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                 MS. MCCLURE: I'm happy to ask the question, Your
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            Do you know, Mr. Mays, whether DEA is aware of that?
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            They were there when we were building that and
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       determining what that multiplier should be and they
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       understood what it was.
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                 THE COURT: Okay, the objection is overruled.
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                 BY MS. MCCLURE:
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       Q.
            And the order monitoring process generally?
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            Yes. I'm sorry.
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            Thank you. And beyond the Order Monitoring process,
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       did DEA have knowledge of our due diligence process?
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            Yes, they did.
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            Review due diligence files?
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            Yes, they did.
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            Review our documentation?
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            Yes, they did.
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            Review the Diversion Control Program generally?
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            Yes, they did.
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            Did AmerisourceBergen retain any consultants to audit
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- 1 the OMP at any time?
- 2 A. Yes, we did.
- 3 Q. And was that retention limited to the Order Monitoring
- 4 Program or was it broader to include the Diversion Control
- 5 | Program?
- 6 A. It was broader. It included the Diversion Control
- 7 Program.
- 8 Q. Who was the consultant or consultants that
- 9 AmerisourceBergen retained?
- 10 A. We retained Mike Mapes after he retired from DEA.
- 11 Q. What was the first year that you recall Mike Mapes
- 12 performing an audit of our Diversion Control Program?
- 13 **A.** I believe it was 2008.
- 14 Q. Okay. And he was no longer with DEA at this time?
- 15 A. That's correct.
- 16 Q. And why did you retain a consultant to audit the
- 17 Diversion Control Program?
- 18 A. Well, because we wanted to make sure that it was
- 19 | continually compliant and that any -- that any changes or
- 20 enhancements we were making would be acceptable to DEA and
- 21 that would be -- that would keep us compliant with what our
- 22 | -- with our settlement.
- 23 **Q.** And are you familiar with those audits?
- 24 **A.** Yes, I am.
- 25 **Q.** At the time that they were conducted?

- 1 **A.** Yes.
- 2 Q. Do you know whether Mr. Mapes met with individuals who
- 3 | were in AmerisourceBergen's Diversion Control Program?
- 4 A. Yes, he did.
- 5 Q. Does that include the order reviewers who would be
- 6 reviewing orders?
- 7 A. Yes. He -- he met with the people, the person that was
- 8 running the program and also the investigators.
- 9 Q. And who is the person who was running the program?
- 10 A. Through most of that period, it was Ed Hazewski.
- 11 Q. Do you recall the names of any other individuals that
- 12 Mr. Mapes would have met with?
- 13 A. Let's see. Joe Tomkiewicz, Kevin Kreutzer, David
- 14 | Breitmayer. I can't think of any others right now.
- 15 Q. Would he have met with Liz Garcia?
- 16 **A.** Yes. Yes.
- 17 Q. What -- who was Liz Garcia?
- 18 A. She was one of our investigators. She was a former DEA
- 19 Diversion Investigator.
- 20 Q. And do you recall whether Mr. Mapes reviewed new
- 21 customer due diligence files during these audits?
- 22 A. Yes, he did.
- 23 Q. Did he review sales limits and threshold limits for our
- 24 Order Monitoring Program?
- 25 A. I believe he did, yes.

- 1 Q. Did he review the Do Not Ship List?
- 2 A. Yes, he did.
- 3 Q. Did he review our suspicious orders that had been sent
- 4 to the DEA?
- 5 A. Yes, he did.
- 6 Q. Did he review customer investigation files?
- 7 A. Yes, he did.
- 8 Q. Did he review threshold change requests?
- 9 A. Yes, he did.
- 10 Q. Do you recall approximately how long each of these
- 11 | audits were?
- 12 A. They were multiple days, several days.
- 13 Q. Okay. You've said that he -- he did an audit in 2008.
- 14 Do you remember how many times overall Mr. Mapes did audits
- of the AmerisourceBergen Diversion Control Program?
- 16 A. I believe there were about five. Four or five. Maybe
- 17 five.
- 18 Q. Do you remember what Mr. Mapes' general conclusions
- 19 | were about the audits of the Diversion Control Program?
- 20 A. Yes. Each time, I think in every case, he said that it
- 21 was fully compliant and working as designed.
- 22 Q. Did Mr. Mapes ever conclude that the Diversion Control
- 23 Program was not operating as designed?
- 24 A. No, he did not.
- 25 Q. Did Mr. Mapes ever conclude that the Diversion Control

- Program was not operating in compliance with

 AmerisourceBergen's policies and procedures?

 A. No, he did not.

 Q. Did Mr. Mapes ever conclude that AmerisourceBergen's
 - Diversion Control Program was not operating consistent with the statute or the governing regulations?
- 7 A. No, he did not.
- Q. Mr. Mays, during the 2000-2010 time period, do you have general awareness as to what was happening with DEA quotas?
- 10 **A.** Yes.

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- 11 Q. What is your general awareness?
- 12 A. My general awareness is -- was that I think pretty much
 13 on an annual basis they kept raising the quotas.
 - MR. FARRELL: Objection, Your Honor. During examination, the testimony was elicited that the Diversion Control Program did not rely upon quotas when performing its function.
 - MS. MCCLURE: Your Honor, Mr. Farrell asked Mr. Mays whether the quotas were relied upon. I'm asking a different question as to whether Mr. Mays had general awareness as to the quotas.
 - THE COURT: Yes, overruled. He's talking about his own awareness and knowledge. Overruled.

BY MS. MCCLURE:

Q. Mr. Mays, have you ever visited the Lockbourne

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       Distribution Center?
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           Yes, I have.
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            And is that the Distribution Center that services the
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       Huntington-Cabell, West Virginia area?
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            I believe it is, yes.
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            If I showed you photographs of that Distribution
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       Center, would you recognize them?
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           Yes, ma'am.
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                 MS. MCCLURE: AMWV-2644E, which is an excerpt of
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       several photographs --
            May I approach, Your Honor?
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                 THE COURT: Yes.
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                 MS. MCCLURE: Richie, if you could put these up on
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       the screen, please.
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                 BY MS. MCCLURE:
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            Mr. Mays, based on your knowledge, does this reflect
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       photographs of the Lockbourne Distribution Center?
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           Yes, it does.
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            Okay. If we could flip through the photos, Richie.
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       Sorry. Go back one. Okay, next. And next. And next.
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                 BY MS. MCCLURE:
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       Q.
            And, Mr. Mays, what does this photograph depict based
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       on your knowledge?
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            It -- it depicts our Schedule II controlled substance
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       Q. So, is that a door that is open to the vault at this
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       time?
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           Yeah. That is the actual vault door that's opened and
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       then there's a day gate inside the vault door that has to
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       stay closed and locked at all times.
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       Q. Okay. So, this door is open right now. When that door
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       closes, you're saying it has to remain closed and locked?
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            Yes. Whenever that vault door is open, the day gate
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       has to be self-closing, self-locking.
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       Q. Oh, I understand. Thank you.
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                 MS. MCCLURE: May I have a moment to confer with
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       counsel, co-counsel, Your Honor?
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                 THE COURT: Yes.
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                 MS. MCCLURE: Your Honor, I move for the admission
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       of AM-WV-2644E, the four photographs that Mr. Mays has
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       testified about.
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                 THE COURT: Is there any objection?
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                 MR. ACKERMAN: I'm just curious as to when these
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       photographs were taken. That's all.
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                 BY MS. MCCLURE:
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           Mr. Mays, do these photographs, to your knowledge,
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       depict the current state of the Lockbourne Distribution
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       Center generally?
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| 1 | A. I believe they do. |
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| 2 | THE COURT: They're admitted. |
| 3 | DEFENSE EXHIBIT AM-WV-2644E ADMITTED |
| 4 | MS. MCCLURE: Your Honor, I have no further |
| 5 | questions at this time subject to recross. |
| 6 | THE COURT: Mr. Farrell, do you have any redirect? |
| 7 | MR. FARRELL: Yes, Your Honor. |
| 8 | REDIRECT EXAMINATION |
| 9 | MR. FARRELL: |
| 10 | Q. Good morning, Mr. Mays. |
| 11 | A. Good morning, sir. |
| 12 | Q. Just a couple of follow-up questions. Do you recall |
| 13 | the Excessive Purchase Order Report you were shown yesterday |
| 14 | from the Orlando distribution facility? |
| 15 | A. Yes, sir, I am. |
| 16 | Q. Okay. Have you seen any of evidence of similar |
| 17 | reports like this, but pertaining to the Lockbourne/Columbus |
| 18 | facility. |
| 19 | MS. MCCLURE: Your Honor, I request clarification |
| 20 | as to the time frame. Have you seen ever or |
| 21 | THE COURT: Sustained. |
| 22 | BY MR. FARRELL: |
| 23 | Q. Is there any evidence today of any of these Excessive |
| 24 | Order Reports that you've seen regarding the Lockbourne, |
| 25 | Ohio facility? |
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- 1 A. I don't remember seeing them, but they're the same for every DC.
- Q. And have you been shown these same things, but for the Lockbourne facility?
 - A. I don't remember seeing them, no.
- 6 MR. FARRELL: Can we pull up AM-WV-0006 if we have 7 it?
- 8 BY MR. FARRELL:
- 9 **Q.** Sir, do you recall the base level document that you reviewed yesterday?
- 11 **A.** Yes, sir, I do.

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- Q. And if you look at it, this is what I believe you said
 was posted on the vault cages and that would be the vault
 that we just saw the picture of, correct?
 - A. It's posted inside the vault and the cage and, in most cases, they're two separate storage facilities.
 - Q. And so, this is the process, the OMP process? This is the rules for the pickers and packers to follow when exercising the duty to maintain effective control; agreed?
 - A. That's the base levels that they use when they're filling the orders for controlled substances, yes.
 - Q. And the third full paragraph says, "Every controlled substance order received in the vault or cage will be closely inspected by the order clerks prior to filling to determine if quantities ordered may be excessive." Do you

- 1 see that, sir?
- 2 **A.** Yes, I do.
- 3 Q. And the next sentence is in bold and it says, "Any
- 4 ordered quantities above the following basic parameters must
- 5 be brought to your supervisor's attention." Do you see
- 6 that, sir?
- 7 **A.** Yes, I do.
- 8 Q. Now, if there is an order that is brought to the
- 9 | supervisor's attention, would you expect there to be
- 10 documentation of that?
- 11 A. I would expect that supervisor to do what they're
- required to do. I couldn't tell you whether they documented
- 13 | it every time.
- 14 | Q. Now, you'll see here the first line says, "Bottle of
- 15 | 100 above ten." Do you see that?
- 16 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 17 Q. So, is it fair to say that that is an order in excess
- 18 of a thousand pills must be brought to the supervisor's
- 19 attention inside the cage?
- 20 A. That's what it says, yes.
- 21 Q. And, sir, have you gone back to look at how many orders
- 22 placed by SafeScript Pharmacy #6 with the Lockbourne, Ohio
- distribution facility exceeded a thousand pills?
- 24 A. I couldn't tell you what the number is, no.
- 25 Q. Would you be surprised if there are 743 orders totaling

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       2.9 million dosage units of hydrocodone and oxycodone that
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       exceed 1,000?
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                 MS. MCCLURE: Your Honor, again, request time
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              He's aggregating orders and I request that -- the
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       witness can't respond to that question absent a time frame.
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                 THE COURT: What's the time frame, Mr. Farrell?
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                 BY MR. FARRELL:
            Would you be surprised that after enactment of this
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       February, 2007 policy there are 743 orders placed by
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       SafeScript Pharmacy to AmerisourceBergen that exceed a
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       thousand pills?
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                 MS. MCCLURE: Your Honor, same objection.
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                 THE COURT: You have to -- from 2000 when? From
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       when to when?
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                 BY MR. FARRELL:
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            Well, the SafeScript Pharmacy, as we discussed
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       yesterday, was shut down in February of 2012. So, between
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       February of 2007 and February of 2012, would you be
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       surprised that there are 743 orders placed and filled by
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       SafeScript Pharmacy to AmerisourceBergen that exceeded a
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       thousand pills?
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            That's a fairly long time frame. I don't know if I
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       would be surprised if that was -- if that's their normal
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       volume and there's no indications of diversion, then there
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            In fact, it wouldn't be heavy by your own policy; it
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       would be excessive, would it not?
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                 MS. MCCLURE: Objection, Your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: Basis?
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                 MS. MCCLURE: That Mr. Mays has asked the question
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       and Mr. Farrell is just continuing to harass Mr. Mays.
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                 THE COURT: Well, this is in the nature of cross
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       examination since the witness represents an adverse party,
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       so I'm going to overrule the objection.
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                 THE WITNESS: Could you repeat the question? I'm
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       sorry.
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                 BY MR. FARRELL:
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       Q. I'll try. The pills by definition in AM-WV-0006, the
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       volume of pills or orders in excess of a thousand by
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       definition are excessive; agreed?
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                 MS. MCCLURE: Objection, Your Honor.
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       Misrepresents the document which indicates on its face what
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       it says, which is may be excessive.
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                 THE COURT: Well, haven't you already basically
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       asked him that?
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                 MR. FARRELL: Yeah. I'm trying to be a little
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       more direct and create a clean record.
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                 THE COURT: Okay, I'll -- go ahead. Overruled,
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       but let's get -- let's get this done.
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THE WITNESS: Okay. So, the document says, "The quantities may be excessive" and then that just -- those numbers are a guideline. It says, "Order quantities above following basic patterns must be brought to the supervisor's attention." They're not deeming those excessive. They're saying they may be. BY MR. FARRELL: And you were handed a stack of documents of nine investigations that took place in the year 2007 in Cabell County, correct? That's correct. Α. Have you seen any other documentation of those investigations for those nine investigations? Α. Those are the only ones I have seen. And are those the types of documents you would expect to see in a due diligence file? There's a lot more. You've got the questionnaire. There's a lot that's done in the due diligence investigation. All that is, is a summary. All right. So, where would we find all of those documents in the files at AmerisourceBergen? Would they be in a -- would they be in a central location or would they be in several locations? MS. MCCLURE: Your Honor, two objections. that's a compound question. The second is there's no

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question that these materials were provided to the
plaintiffs. So, I'm not understanding how the witness
should be able to direct him to information that plaintiffs
already have.
          THE COURT: Well, what's the purpose of the
question?
          MR. FARRELL: Judge, the purpose of the question
is to identify the source of the document so that I can
identify whether or not this is the complete set of
documents and so I'm trying to ask --
          THE COURT: Okay, overruled. I'll let you -- I'll
let him answer. Go ahead.
          BY MR. FARRELL:
     So, for purposes of this specific investigation, are
you aware of any other documents in AmerisourceBergen's
possession related to those nine investigations?
     There would be additional documentation in the file.
That's a -- let me finish. That's a LawTrac matter and,
depending on the age of it, there could be hard copy files
stored at Iron Mountain. There could be hard copy files
stored at Corporate. I just couldn't tell you where they
are, but there's documentation on all due diligence
investigations.
    Yes, sir. My question to you is, have you seen any
other documentation for those nine investigations?
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- 1 A. I don't recall seeing it over the years, no.
- 2 Q. Okay. Aside from those nine investigations, are you
- 3 aware of any other investigations in Huntington-Cabell
- 4 County, West Virginia after June of 2007?
- 5 A. I'm sure there were, but I'm not aware of them. I'm
- 6 not familiar with them.
- 7 Q. And those June, 2000 investigations coincide with the
- 8 DEA's immediate suspension order and the settlement that was
- 9 effectuated in June of 2007; agreed?
- 10 A. It was during that same time frame as the settlement,
- 11 yes.
- 12 Q. Now, we talked about briefly the September, 2007 Chris
- Zimmerman presentation, along with the DEA. You would agree
- 14 | with me, sir, that the imposition of the new Order
- 15 Monitoring Program by AmerisourceBergen was costing
- 16 AmerisourceBergen business and customers; agreed?
- 17 A. I'm not sure about that.
- MR. FARRELL: Judge, I'm going to have marked and
- 19 present P-17118.
- 20 May I approach, Your Honor?
- THE COURT: Yes.
- BY MR. FARRELL:
- 23 Q. I'll give you a minute to review this, sir. Sir, do
- 24 you recognize this document?
- 25 A. Well, it's -- I'm copied on it. I just -- I don't

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remember it, but I'm copied on it, so --
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            So, what is this document?
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            It's an e-mail string from Sales, between Sales.
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       think it's the -- the VP of Retail Sales and Chris
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       Zimmerman.
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       VP --
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                 THE WITNESS: The VP of Retail Sales. I'm sorry.
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                 BY MR. FARRELL:
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            Is this an e-mail chain to and from you that is dated
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       around September 7th, 2007 that was a document that you
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       would expect to be retained in the usual course of business?
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            Can you repeat that?
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       Q.
            Yeah. That was a bad question.
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            This is an e-mail chain that you're included on?
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            Yes.
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            And it involves other people in the Control Diversion
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       Program, agreed?
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            I don't believe so. I think it's -- these are -- these
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       are all sales and management people. So, Chris and I are
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       the only people from CSRA on this string, from what I can
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       tell.
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            Who is John Chou?
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            He's a General Counsel for the corporation.
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            And who is James Frary?
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- 1 A. He is -- he was like -- I think, at that time, he was a
- 2 Regional Vice President of Sales or something like that.
- 3 Q. Do you see the subject line says RE, and a colon, and
- 4 what does it say?
- 5 A. Which -- on which entry are you talking about, the top?
- 6 Q. The subject line on all of the e-mails in this chain
- 7 says what?
- 8 **A.** "OMP".
- 9 **Q.** And what does that stand for?
- 10 A. Order Monitoring Program.
- 11 Q. This is a conversation about the presentation Mr.
- 12 Zimmerman was about to make; agreed?
- 13 A. It's a part of it, yes.
- 14 Q. And in this e-mail chain, those that are involved in it
- are commenting upon the fact that the DEA is requiring
- 16 AmerisourceBergen to implement a new procedure, which is
- 17 costing it money and customers; agreed?
- 18 A. Seems to be one of the sales guy's opinions, yes.
- 19 Q. And one of the other opinions is, is that there was
- 20 speculation that the DEA was going to do the same for the
- 21 other distributors, thereby leveling the playing field;
- 22 agreed?
- 23 A. Yeah. I think that's what's being alluded to, yes.
- MR. FARRELL: Judge, I would ask P-17118 to be
- 25 admitted for the record.

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                 MS. MCCLURE: You Honor, we do object to the
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       extent this is hearsay, but would want to know if there's a
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       limited purpose for which it's offered.
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                 MR. ACKERMAN: Your Honor, 801 -- or 801(d)(2)(D).
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       It's not hearsay because they are statements made by the
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       party's employee on a matter within the scope of that
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       relationship and while it existed.
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                 THE COURT: Okay. Cite the rule to me again
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       slowly.
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                 MR. ACKERMAN: Sure. We should probably flag this
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       one, Your Honor. 801(d)(2)(D).
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                 THE COURT: "Statements offered against an
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       opposing party is one the party manifested that is adopted
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       and believed to be true"?
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                 MR. ACKERMAN: I'm sorry. "D", as in dog.
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                 THE COURT: "D", as in dog?
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                 MR. ACKERMAN: Yes. My apologies.
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                 THE COURT: "On a matter within the scope of that
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       relationship and while it existed."
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            I'm going to -- I'm going to admit it. It's admitted.
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                    PLAINTIFF EXHIBIT P-17118 ADMITTED
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                 BY MR. FARRELL:
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            One final question. You talked about in October of
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       2004 that the DEA provided a Certificate of Appreciation to
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       AmerisourceBergen and to you for your efforts.
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A. Yes, sir.

- Q. Are you -- are you aware of any similar commendations from the DEA to AmerisourceBergen following the Distributor Initiative Program that was launched in 2005?
 - A. Not that I recall, sir.

MR. FARRELL: That's all the questions I have, Judge. Thank you.

MS. MCCLURE: Your Honor, one brief -- and, Your Honor, this is not a question for the witness. However, plaintiffs have admitted P-23655, which is AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation's fourth supplemental objections and responses to plaintiffs' first combined discovery requests to distributors. In doing so, they entered the responses themselves.

However, there are appendices referenced within these responses, which are Appendix A, ABDC policies and procedures produced in the MDL, and then Appendix B, which is referenced in here, is described as additional documents reflecting due diligence materials relating to its customers located in the City of Huntington and Cabell County.

And so, this is the Appendix B and we would -unfortunately, I don't have copies of this. So, what I
would request is that for completeness Appendix A and B be
added into P-23655 and that I be afforded an opportunity to
present to the Court the documents once we have a chance to

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       photocopy them.
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                 THE COURT: Mr. Farrell?
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                 MR. FARRELL: No objection.
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                 THE COURT: All right. They're all admitted.
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                    PLAINTIFF EXHIBIT P-23655 ADMITTED
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                 MS. MCCLURE: Thank you, Your Honor. I have no
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       more -- further questions for Mr. Mays.
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                 THE COURT: Is there anything else of Mr. Mays?
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                 MR. FARRELL: No, Your Honor. He may be
       dismissed.
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                 THE COURT: Mr. Mays, you have a big smile on your
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       face and --
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                 THE WITNESS: I'm going to get out of here.
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                 THE COURT: Thank you, sir, very much and you're
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       free to go.
                 THE WITNESS: Thank you. Thank you, Your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: And we appreciate your being here.
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            And let's take a short break. We have to have a little
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       bit of mercy on our court reporters here and we'll be in
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       recess for about ten minutes.
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           (Recess taken)
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                 THE COURT: Are you ready to call your next
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       witness?
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                 MR. FARRELL: Yes, Your Honor.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Your Honor, we are calling Michael
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| 1 | Perry. |
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| 2 | THE COURT: Okay. We'll need your name for the |
| 3 | court reporter. |
| 4 | MR. KENNEDY: Yes, Your Honor. I was coming up to |
| 5 | do that. Yes, my name is Eric Kennedy, for the plaintiffs. |
| 6 | COURTROOM DEPUTY CLERK: Sir, would you please |
| 7 | state your full name? |
| 8 | THE WITNESS: My full name is Michael Gerard |
| 9 | Perry. |
| 10 | COURTROOM DEPUTY CLERK: Thank you. Please raise |
| 11 | your right hand. |
| 12 | MICHAEL G. PERRY, PLAINTIFF, SWORN |
| 13 | COURTROOM DEPUTY CLERK: Thank you. Please take a |
| 14 | seat. |
| 15 | THE COURT: Good morning, Mr. Perry. |
| 16 | THE WITNESS: Good morning, Judge. |
| 17 | THE COURT: Okay, Mr. Kennedy, you may proceed. |
| 18 | MR. KENNEDY: Thank you, Your Honor. |
| 19 | DIRECT EXAMINATION |
| 20 | BY MR. KENNEDY: |
| 21 | Q. Mr. Perry, my name is Eric Kennedy. How are you today, |
| 22 | sir? |
| 23 | A. Very good, sir. |
| 24 | Q. And, for the record, could you please state your full |
| 25 | name? |
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- 1 A. My full is Michael Gerard Perry.
- 2 Q. Where do you live, sir?
- 3 A. I live in Huntington, West Virginia.
- 4 | Q. And I have been told that you are retired from
- 5 AmerisourceBergen; is that correct?
- 6 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 7 **Q.** And when did you retire?
- 8 A. I retired January 6th of 2020.
- 9 Q. And did you retire and leave there on good terms, sir?
- 10 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. And what do you -- what are you currently doing with
- 12 your time?
- 13 A. Well, for the past year or so, I've been dealing with
- 14 | this, which is -- I still feel is a responsibility not only
- for me, but for the community. I have -- I've lived in
- 16 | Huntington for 40-some years and one of my passions is
- gardening. I love the outdoors. And I've been spending a
- 18 | lot of time not only in the garden, but on the golf course
- and trying to, you know, enjoy my retirement.
- 20 Q. Very good. When did you begin employment with
- 21 AmerisourceBergen?
- 22 A. Roughly, it was around 1996. I believe it was May the
- 23 | 1st of 1996.
- 24 Q. And what was your position when you started?
- 25 A. Sales Executive.

- 1 Q. And how long did you remain in that position?
- 2 A. I remained in that position until I retired and that
- 3 | would have been 24 years.
- 4 Q. That position involve direct sales to pharmacies?
- 5 **A.** Yes.
- 6 Q. And when I say "direct sales", you would make sales
- 7 | calls?
- 8 A. That's correct.
- 9 Q. Your title, you said, Sales Executive. Has that been
- 10 known by a different title at times?
- 11 A. It -- at one time or another, you may have been called
- 12 a sales manager, you may have been called, you know, a
- 13 salesman, but when I retired, I was a sales executive.
- 14 Q. I'm going use the term sales executive, sales manager.
- 15 | Sometimes I may even say sales rep. So, you understand that
- 16 I'm trying to say the same thing all the time?
- 17 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. Okay. Now, did you have a territory? Did you have a
- 19 territory that you were responsible for at
- 20 AmerisourceBergen, a sales territory?
- 21 **A.** Yes.
- 22 Q. And can you describe that for us?
- 23 A. When -- when you say describe it, I could describe it
- 24 | in several different ways because I had numerous
- 25 territories.

- 1 Q. All right. Geographically?
- 2 **A.** Yes.
- 3 Q. Tell us geographically, if you could describe that.
- 4 A. I had a territory in Eastern Kentucky for a period of
- 5 time. I had a territory in West Virginia for a period of
- 6 | time. I had a territory in West Virginia and Pittsburgh for
- 7 a period of time.
- 8 Q. Was there a period of time when -- when Cabell County
- 9 was a part of your sales territory?
- 10 **A.** Yes.
- 11 Q. Can you tell me for what period of time?
- 12 A. The exact period of time? I would say 90% of the time
- that I was a sales executive with AmerisourceBergen, I had
- 14 | Cabell County.
- 15 Q. So, most of the 24 years?
- 16 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 17 Q. How many customers? I mean, I know it can vary at
- 18 | times, but -- but approximately how many customers would you
- 19 | serve at any one time?
- 20 **A.** In the entire territory?
- 21 **Q.** Yes, sir.
- 22 A. That would vary, also, but for most of the time, it
- would have been anywhere between 65 to maybe 80 customers.
- 24 Q. How often would you see them?
- 25 A. Quite often.

- 1 Q. Once a month, every two months?
- 2 A. At least once a month.
- 3 Q. How many customers in Cabell County on the average if
- 4 we look over the 24 years?
- 5 A. That's going to vary, also. You know, customers come
- and go. Stores open and close. I would say probably no
- 7 more than ten. That might be a little low. 10-12 possibly.
- 8 Q. Basically, you sold goods and services to pharmacies;
- 9 true?
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 Q. And would that include the sale of controlled
- 12 substances?
- 13 A. That included all pharmaceuticals and OTCs.
- 14 Q. Would that include the sale of controlled substances?
- 15 **A.** That is a pharmaceutical.
- 16 Q. So, that would include opioids?
- 17 A. That is a pharmaceutical.
- 18 Q. Oxycodone?
- 19 A. That is a pharmaceutical.
- 20 **Q.** Hydrocodone?
- 21 A. That also is a pharmaceutical.
- 22 **Q.** Fentanyl?
- 23 A. That is a pharmaceutical.
- 24 Q. Methadone?
- 25 **A.** That is a pharmaceutical.

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- 1 Q. Schedule III along with Schedule II?
- 2 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 3 Q. Let's talk about how you were compensated, if we could.
- 4 **A.** Okay.
- 5 Q. You received a base salary; would that be true?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. And then, in addition to the base salary, would I be
- 8 correct that you could make a significant amount of money in
- 9 addition to your base salary based upon a bonus system that
- was set up by AmerisourceBergen?
- 11 A. That's correct.
- 12 Q. And that -- that bonus system basically had sales goals
- or targets and, if you could hit the sales goal or target,
- 14 | you could make additional money?
- 15 **A.** Yes, sir.
- 16 Q. And, sir, if you exceeded your sales target, could you
- 17 make even more money?
- 18 **A.** Yes.
- 19 Q. And annually, would I be correct, annually you would
- 20 | get a compensation package from AmerisourceBergen each year;
- 21 true?
- 22 A. That's correct.
- 23 Q. Pretty detailed package that would outline your targets
- or your goals for the year and how much you could make in
- bonus money if you were to hit those targets?

- 1 That's correct. 2 The first line -- and you may not remember this. 3 first line of each of those annual contracts would indicate 4 that this has been established and set up to motivate you to 5 sell; do you recall that, sir, the very first line in each 6 of those annual compensation packages? 7 Well, as a salesperson, I'm always motivated to sell. 8 Any salesperson would be motivated to sell. 9 Mr. Elkins was your immediate boss for a period of 10 time? 11 Α. Yes. 12 And would I be correct in saying he told us that the 13 more you would sell, because you were a part of his 14 territory, the more you would sell, that would make it 15 easier for him to make more money in the bonus system? 16 MR. NICHOLAS: Objection, hearsay, lack of 17 foundation. 18 THE COURT: Overruled. I'll let him answer. Go 19 ahead. 20 BY MR. KENNEDY: 21 Sir, you're familiar with that's how the system worked? 22 Could you re-state your --Α. 23 You were a part of Mr. Elkins' territory, correct?
 - Q. And did you understand that the more you would sell,

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Α.

Yes.

- 1 the more sales there would be in his larger territory; so,
- therefore, he could do better?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 Q. And above Mr. Elkins was Lisa Mash. She was the VP of
- 5 Sales, do you -- you know that?
- 6 **A.** Yes.
- 7 Q. You know her?
- 8 **A.** Yes.
- 9 Q. And she had an even larger territory than Mr. Elkins,
- 10 correct, a larger geographic region; is that true?
- 11 **A.** Yes.
- 12 Q. And so, the better Mr. Elkins' territory did as a part
- of her territory, the more money she could make via the
- 14 bonus system?
- MR. NICHOLAS: Objection, Your Honor. At this
- 16 | point, I think I would like to object to the leading nature
- of the questions. I do recognize that this witness is a
- 18 | former AmerisourceBergen employee, but I think the case law
- is pretty clear in the Fourth Circuit and generally that
- 20 until the witness is established as actually adverse or
- 21 hostile that the questions should not be leading in nature
- 22 in this fashion.
- THE COURT: Yes. I will sustain the objection.
- 24 Try not to lead him, Mr. Kennedy.
- MR. KENNEDY: Your Honor, if you look to Rule 611

in the case law, Your Honor, there seem to be two factors with respect to ex-employees. Number one, did they leave the company on good terms and a good relationship; and, number two, did their job in any way relate to the subject matter of the lawsuit. He was the salesperson with respect to this lawsuit. Based upon those two factors, Your Honor, we believe that we should be allowed to lead.

THE COURT: Well, Mr. Nicholas?

MR. NICHOLAS: Well, I don't have much more to say except that I did go to the trouble of having -- looking at the law myself and having a little memo done on it and it looks to me as if the bottom line test here is whether -- is the demeanor -- is the demeanor of the witness during -- during the -- during the examination.

I think it's in the Court's discretion to decide whether this witness is a hostile witness. I don't think any -- we've heard anything yet to suggest that in the slightest.

THE COURT: Well, I think that's right. Rule
611(c)(2) allows you to lead if the witness is hostile, an
adverse party, or a witness identified with an adverse
party. I don't think that you've identified him
sufficiently as an adverse party because he's retired and
he's not working for them anymore. So, I'm going to sustain
the objection.

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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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            Sir, did -- I don't know anything that was said or
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       transpired. Did you meet with counsel, the attorneys
       representing AmerisourceBergen, to prepare for your
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 5
       testimony today, sir?
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       Α.
            Yes.
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            On how many occasions?
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            I believe that was -- are you talking in person or are
 9
       you talking as Zoom meetings plus in person?
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       0.
            Yes, sir, Zoom meetings plus in person?
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            Six, seven times maybe.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Your Honor, I think that that alone
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       should -- should satisfy the requirements as a --
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                 THE COURT: I've sustained the objection, Mr.
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       Kennedy. You may proceed with your direct and if he becomes
       hostile, then I'll re-visit it.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Thank you.
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                 THE COURT: But for now, get on with it.
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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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            Sir, how long of a period of time were opioids a part
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       of your bonus calculation?
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            I can't say that, what the period of time was.
       Α.
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            Was there a period of time that opioids were a part of
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       your bonus calculation?
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            I don't know if they were or they weren't in a period
       Α.
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- of time.

 Q. You did not know?

 No, sir.

 Sir, controlled substances, the larger category, for
- what period of time were controlled substances, if you know,
- 6 part of your bonus calculation?
- 7 A. I don't know that either, sir.
- 8 Q. As you sit here today, you don't know?
- 9 **A.** No, sir.
- Q. Controlled substances could be -- could controlled substances be a significant portion of your sales to an
- 12 individual pharmacy?
- 13 **A.** Could you say that again?
- Q. Could controlled substance sales be a significant portion of your sales, total sales, to a pharmacy?
- 16 A. I mean, every pharmacy varies.
- Q. So, could they be a significant part? I know that they clearly vary, but could they be a significant portion of
- 19 your total sales?
- 20 A. I can't say if they would be a significant part or not.
- 21 Q. Sir, do you -- do you recall that at one point that
- 22 86% percent of your sales to SafeScript were controlled
- 23 substances?
- 24 A. I was not privy to that information.
- MR. KENNEDY: Could we bring up P-16642, please?

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            Your Honor, may I approach the witness?
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                 THE COURT: Yes.
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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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            Mr. Perry, have you had a chance to take a look?
       Q.
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            Yes, sir.
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            And do you know who Ed Hazewski is?
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       Α.
            Yes.
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            And did he send you an e-mail? And if you take a look
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       here, it appears he sent you an e-mail on August 12th of
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       2011, do you see that, to Michael Perry?
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       Α.
           Yes.
            And does he say "The customer", and he's talking about
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       SafeScript. That's the subject, correct?
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       Α.
           That's correct.
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            And does he state, "The customer has been adjusted and
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       is now set at the maximum they can receive of this product.
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       Their controlled substance ratio is 86% of their overall
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       purchases"? Do you see that?
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       Α.
            Yes.
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            So, sir, at one point in time, you knew that there was
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       an 86% controlled substance ratio with respect to
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       SafeScript, true?
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       Α.
            At this point in time, yes.
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            All right. And controlled substance ratio, that's the
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       total sales amount for controlled substances over the total
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       sales amount; true?
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            Yes.
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            Sir, I think you indicated that you were always
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       motivated to sell. Would that include always having
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       motivation to keep the customer happy and satisfied?
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            Yes. My goal as a salesman was always to make sure
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       that I did and followed through with a request from the
 8
       customer in the best interest for the customer and for the
 9
       company.
10
            And, sir, did you interact at all with Regulatory
11
       Affairs throughout your 24 years?
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            On different occasions, yes.
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            And you understood that a part of their responsibility
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       was to monitor and control the shipments of controlled
15
       substances, the pharmacy?
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       Α.
            That's correct.
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            And, sir, given the sales force and the motivation to
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       keep the customer happy and the responsibility of the
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       Regulatory Affairs folks to control and, at times, limit the
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       sale of opioids, was there a conflict that existed between
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       those two departments at AmerisourceBergen?
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                 MR. HESTER: Object as compound, Your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: Break it up, Mr. Kennedy, and you can
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       ask him.
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MR. KENNEDY: Yes, Your Honor.

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1 BY MR. KENNEDY: 2 Sir, given the role that you had to keep the customer 3 happy, given the role of Regulatory Affairs to limit the 4 sale of opioids, was there, at times, a conflict that 5 existed between those two departments at AmerisourceBergen? 6 I wouldn't call it a conflict. There may be 7 conversation back and forth with regards to what we needed 8 to do and how we needed to proceed. 9 And can you be more specific? 10 Let's say, for instance, a customer wanted to have a 11 threshold review on a particular item that we said we will 12 not ship. Of course, I would take that, we would do a 13 threshold review, and bring back the answer to the customer 14 with regards to if we would ship or not. 15 MR. KENNEDY: Can I bring up P-02504, please? 16 May I approach, Your Honor? 17 THE COURT: Yes. 18 MR. KENNEDY: Thank you. 19 MR. NICHOLAS: Your Honor, before we have 20 questioning on this document, I will interpose at least one 21 and possibly two objections. One is this appears to be a 22 discussion -- discussion or an e-mail chain involving a 23 Tennessee customer. So, that's -- that's number one. It's 24 a geographic scope issue. 25 And, number two, Mr. Perry is not on this document.

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       So, I'm going to ask that some foundation be laid or -- and
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       the document not otherwise be used at this time.
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                 THE COURT: Can you lay a foundation, Mr. Kennedy?
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                 MR. KENNEDY: We believe so, Your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: Okay, go ahead.
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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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            Sir, your compensation system, was that a national
       Q.
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       system at AmerisourceBergen?
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       Α.
            Yes.
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            And the Regulatory Affairs, sir, with respect to
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       Regulatory Affairs, beginning in '07, did you receive
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       training with respect to the responsibilities and
       obligations of Regulatory Affairs?
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       Α.
            Yes.
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            And did that continue each year up until the time of
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       vour retirement?
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       Α.
            Yes.
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            And, later on, it actually became a part of, I think, a
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       website that you could go on and get your training at a
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       website and then take a test; true?
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            Yes. We would do it by website and we would also have
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       sales meetings where we would have our Regulatory Affairs
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       Team come in and, you know, do different things with us with
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       regards to our CSRA site.
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: Your Honor, I don't want to
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       interrupt. Could we have the document taken down and -- you
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       know, until --
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                 THE COURT: Yes, please.
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: Thank you.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: I'm sorry.
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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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            And so, did you understand that also to be a national
       Q.
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       program?
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            Yes.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Your Honor, we would like to proceed
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       with questioning. We believe this --
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                 THE COURT: Go ahead.
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: Your Honor, the -- if I just -- I
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       don't want to prolong this, but this does pertain to a
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       Tennessee customer and I'm not sure that it's appropriate
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       for questioning because of the geographic nature of it and
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       the fact that he has no involvement in this.
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                 MR. RUBY: And, Your Honor, we would join in that,
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                 If the suggestion is that simply because there was
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       some sort of national policy that any instance that happened
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       anywhere in the country, therefore, becomes relevant in this
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       case about Cabell County and Huntington, we don't think
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       that's consistent with the Court's ruling on geographic
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       scope.
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                 THE COURT: Well, I think it might be relevant to
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       show the general attitude and state of mind of the company
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       overall, including the geographical area at issue here, and
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       I'm going to overrule that objection.
            Go ahead, Mr. Kennedy.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Thank you, Your Honor.
                 MR. RUBY: Your Honor, if we could, there's a
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       separate foundation issue. I still don't think there's been
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       foundation laid with this witness. His name, as far as -- I
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       just glanced at this, but I don't see his name anywhere on
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       it.
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                 THE COURT: Yes. You will have to lay a
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       foundation that shows this witness has some knowledge, Mr.
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       Kennedy, but you can go ahead and try to do that.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Your Honor, my -- this witness is
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       not on this e-mail and my intention was to go through this
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       and ask him if he has had similar experiences as to what is
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       being outlined here given that it's a national program.
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: I don't know about that. I mean, I
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       think he can ask -- he can ask questions about his
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       experiences, but using this document as an outline to do so
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       seems -- strikes me as out, out of bounds.
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                 THE COURT: Mr. Farrell, do you want to say
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       something?
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                 MR. FARRELL: Yes, Your Honor. We have an
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       agreement with a stipulation that rather than call various
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witnesses that would need to lay the basic foundation of a sponsoring witness, that we were allowed to put in the testimony through the four live witnesses.

In the alternative, Judge, we're provided the right to cure. And so, what we would ask is the opportunity to call one of the people on this e-mail to bring them in. So, we're not trying to play games here on this, Judge. We are attempting to limit the number of sponsoring witnesses that are required to get into documents.

MR. NICHOLAS: The right to cure that he's referring to had to do with the time period leading up to trial. That's number one.

Number two, the stipulation that he's referring to only discusses authenticity. We're not talking about authenticity. We're talking about the admissibility of this document on evidentiary grounds now and that is the basis of the -- of these objections.

MR. ACKERMAN: Your Honor -- Your Honor, if I may, the stipulation is at Docket 828 and it reads, "Plaintiffs will be provided an opportunity to cure all unresolved issues relating to authenticity and foundation, including the ability to depose and/or call a custodial witness at trial."

And I don't understand how we would have the ability to cure before the Court made a ruling on any authenticity or

foundation issues. So, the argument that somehow the stipulation only applied before trial, we would obviously disagree with that.

MR. MAHADY: Your Honor, there's a separate stipulation that gave rise to the stipulation that Mr. Ackerman is referring to which said that this was an issue leading up to trial.

Even if AmerisourceBergen does not object to the authenticity of this document per a stipulation, that does not negate the fact that this witness, Mr. Perry, is not on this document and cannot testify to this document that specifically relates to two customers in Tennessee. So, there's no foundation for this document with this witness.

THE COURT: Mr. Ruby?

MR. RUBY: Your Honor, I was going to make a point that I think is similar to what Mr. Mahady said, which is that whether there is a stipulation that might lead to the admission of the document without a sponsoring witness is a separate question from whether there — whether this witness has foundation to then testify about the document. And so, we certainly would maintain our objection to questioning this witness about a document on which he doesn't appear at all without establishing that he knows something about it.

THE COURT: How -- how does -- how does this document come in through this witness?

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                 MR. FARRELL: Your Honor, without belaboring the
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       point, I would like to have the Court read the stipulation
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       at Document 82 --
                 THE COURT: Well, aside from the stipulation, what
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       about the foundation to let this in?
                 MR. FARRELL: We have a stipulation that we can
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       put these documents in through this named witness without
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       that. That's -- that's literally written in the
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       stipulation.
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                 MR. MAHADY: Your Honor, the stipulation -- we
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       also reserve all objections. The stipulation does not say
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       that they can just use any document they want with any
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       witness.
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            Also, to the extent that this document relates to
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       Diversion Control, they could have attempted to use this
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       with the three witnesses that have already testified for
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       Diversion Control.
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            Mr. Perry did not service these customers. He's not on
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       the e-mail. There's just -- they haven't established the
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       foundation. They could have tried. I don't think they were
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       successful.
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                 THE COURT: Mr. Hester?
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                 MR. HESTER: Your Honor, yes. I would just
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       distinguish between the foundation related to the
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       admissibility of the document and the question of foundation
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1 in relation to questioning a given witness about the 2 document. And that's a different issue from the 3 stipulation. 4 The stipulation goes to whether sponsoring witnesses 5 would be required to establish the admissibility of a given 6 document, but that's different from whether there's a 7 foundation for questioning this witness about the document. 8 THE COURT: Mr. Hester just made my point much 9 more articulately than I did. Can you -- can you respond to 10 that? 11 MR. FARRELL: I think so. I think he also made a 12 very -- I think -- I think he's made a very strong point. 13 So, aside from the introduction of the document, we would 14 like to enter it into evidence and if you exclude us from 15 asking this witness about a document that he doesn't know 16 anything about, I think that's a separate issue. 17 My primary focus is the vehicle for us to enter 18 documents into the record for purposes --19 THE COURT: Go ahead. Finish. 20 MR. FARRELL: My primary purpose is the vehicle to 21 enter documents into the record and the stipulation 22 specifically says that through these witnesses, we can 23 introduce documents with -- without having to lay the 24 foundation or authentication. 25 THE COURT: Well, I understand all that, but how

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is this -- how is this admissible above and beyond the stipulation? Seems to me it's not admissible through this witness because he -- you haven't established any kind of a foundation for it through this witness.

MR. FARRELL: So, and I'm trying to find the right framework to say this. If this document is relevant and not subject to some other exclusion, we're not required by the stipulation to lay its authenticity or have a sponsoring witness with knowledge of the document to enter it into the record.

If it's in the record, then I think we have a separate chain of discussions on whether or not it's proper to have this witness testify regarding its contents, but we're offering this document for the record and we've specifically stipulated so that we don't have to call in 500 different sponsoring witnesses.

THE COURT: Well, that's all true, but you still have to show that it's admissible, don't you?

MR. FARRELL: And so, for admissibility, if we presume it's an authentic document produced in the usual course of business, if we presume that we do not need a sponsoring witness with knowledge, the only other question is whether it's relevant. And, if it's relevant, then it's a 403 analysis.

THE COURT: Well, it's hearsay, isn't it?

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                 MR. FARRELL: It's a document kept in the normal
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       course of business. It's not hearsay because it's
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       801(d)(2). It's the -- it's written words of the party and
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       any danger of hearsay can be refuted by the party.
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            So, all of the procedural safeguards on hearsay that
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       prevent hearsay from being admitted are not present in this
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       case because it's the words of the party. So, if they want
       to dispute the validity of truth of the matter, they have
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       that opportunity.
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                 THE COURT: Well, if I admit it, what are you
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       going to do with it? You're not going to take him through
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       it and -- and make him basically read it into the record.
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                 MR. FARRELL: Correct.
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                 THE COURT: You are?
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                 MR. FARRELL: No. We are --
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: Maybe I can cut through this.
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       just don't want this witness questioned about this document.
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                 THE COURT:
                             I understand that and I think that's a
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       perfectly valid point and that's the point I was trying to
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       get to.
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                 MR. ACKERMAN: So, Your Honor, if I may, the
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       second stipulation with ABDC, which is the one that Mr.
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       Farrell is referencing, is at Docket 1306 and what it says
       is, "AmerisourceBergen stipulates that they will not object
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       to the presentation of these documents through", and then it
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lists "Chris Zimmerman, Steve Mays, David May and/or Michael Perry at trial while preserving all other evidentiary objections."

Now, I understand that -- and, as Mr. Farrell has said, we're not going to take the witness through each and every point of the document, but we are allowed by stipulation to present the document through Mr. Perry and ask him questions about the content. And I think that is what Mr. Kennedy wants to do. He is not planning to -- to walk Mr. Perry through this document line by line.

MR. NICHOLAS: I'm not -- I don't object to the -to the document being admitted into the record, which is
what Mr. Farrell said he wants. I'm objecting to its use
with this witness. The thing -- the stipulation says we
preserve all evidentiary objections. This is the objection.
He shouldn't be questioned on it, but if he wants to
introduce the document into the record, fine.

MR. RUBY: And, Judge, I'll say one more thing on this. And I don't mean to argue Mr. Nicholas's stipulation for him, but I happen to have it up on my screen, and Docket 1306 expressly says that AmerisourceBergen reserves the right to object to the admissibility of any witness's testimony about documents that might be admissible under the stipulation. So, it preserves that separation between admissibility and testimony.

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                 THE COURT: Okay. Here's what I'm going to do.
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       I'm going to admit it, but I'm not going to let you question
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       him about it.
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                 MR. FARRELL: Thank you, Judge.
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                 THE COURT: 0001 is admitted. There's been no
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       showing that this witness had any participation in or
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       knowledge of the chain of e-mails here and the discussion
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       contained therein. So, I'm going to admit the document, but
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       not allow you to question him about it.
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                      PLAINTIFF EXHIBIT 0001 ADMITTED
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                 THE COURT: Go ahead, Mr. Kennedy.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Thank you, Your Honor.
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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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            Sir, just to -- just to back up, just to summarize, the
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       more you would sell and hit your goals, the more money you
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       could make, sir, yes?
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            The more money you can make, but that money was capped.
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            Okay. And your motivation was -- as a good salesman,
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       your motivation was to keep the customer happy; true?
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            Not only keep the customer happy, but do the right
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       things with regards to how ABC operated.
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           And, sir, given the framework then in the compensation
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       structure that we have talked about, AmerisourceBergen made
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       you, as the sales rep, the eyes and the ears of regulatory
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       control; is that true?
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: Objection to the leading, Your
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       Honor.
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                 THE COURT: Well, let's get through this. I think
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       technically this comes within the 6 -- what is it, 611, Mr.
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       Kennedy?
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Yes, sir.
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                 THE COURT: 611(c). And I'm going to let you lead
       him just to -- just to get this done. Go ahead.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Thank you.
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                 THE COURT: I'm assuming that he -- well, he
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       obviously was associated with AmerisourceBergen even though
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       he isn't right now and -- and I think it comes within the
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       rule and I will let you lead him. Go to it.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Thank you, Your Honor.
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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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            Sir, do you remember my question? AmerisourceBergen
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       set up a program and structure whereby the sales folks were
18
       the eyes and ears of Regulatory Affairs; is that true?
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       Α.
           That's correct.
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       O. You've been described as the first line of defense
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       against diversion in the marketplace with respect to your
22
       pharmacies. Would you agree with that?
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            I would have to disagree with that. I can't say I was
24
       the first line of defense.
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            You've been described as the boots on the ground.
       Q.
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- 1 | Would you agree with that, sir?
- 2 A. I was the salesman.
- 3 Q. And the eyes and ears, correct?
- 4 A. As much as I could be, yes.
- 5 Q. And, more specifically, sir, you're familiar with the
- 6 590 Questionnaire?
- 7 **A.** Yes.
- Q. And the 590 Questionnaire, I think it's about 5-6
- 9 pages, 46 questions. Familiar with that?
- 10 **A.** Yes.
- 11 Q. And you had training from Regulatory Affairs with
- respect to the 590 Questionnaire and its purpose, its
- 13 | function, and your role?
- 14 A. That's correct.
- 15 Q. And probably filled out over 100 of those or 200 in
- 16 your career?
- 17 A. I personally do not fill those out or never have filled
- 18 them out.
- 19 Q. You work with the customer and sit with the customer as
- 20 the customer completes the questionnaire?
- 21 A. That's correct.
- 22 Q. And, more specifically, before a customer would be
- sold, a new customer would be sold with controlled
- substances, it was required that the customer complete the
- 25 590 Questionnaire; true?

- 1 Α. Yes. 2 And then, during the course and the life of the 3 relationship with the customer, you would meet with the 4 customer at times and you would update the questionnaire 5 with them, correct? 6 If we were asked to update, we would update. And, sir, the -- again, required before a customer is 7 Q. 8 sold controlled substances; true? 9 Could you reframe that again? Say that again. 10 The required questionnaire must be answered by the 11 customer prior to AmerisourceBergen selling them controlled 12 substances? 13 MR. NICHOLAS: Objection, Your Honor. Could we 14 have a time frame put on these questions, please? 15 THE COURT: Yes, please. 16 BY MR. KENNEDY: 17 Your entire career, sir, beginning in -- well, not 18 entire career, but beginning in '07 until you retired, would 19 that be true? 20 I can't say if it started in '07 or not. 21 '08? 0. 22 Possibly. Α. 23 For sure by '09? Q.
- 24 A. Most likely.

Q. And, again, the purpose was to collect information so

- 1 that Regulatory Affairs could decide whether or not you 2 folks would sell controlled substances to the new pharmacy, 3 correct? 4 That's correct. 5 So, in other words, you were collecting information to 6 see if there were any concerns, maybe potential red flags 7 that might lead Regulatory Affairs to conclude that maybe 8 this is a pharmacy we should not sell controlled substances 9 to, correct? 10 That is the purpose of a 590, yes. 11 And the 590 is a site visit by the sales rep to the 12 customer, correct? Α. That's correct.
- 13
- 14 You sit and you go through the questions with them.
- 15 You collect the information, correct?
- 16 Α. That's correct.
- 17 You make observations, correct? Q.
- 18 When you say observations --Α.
- 19 Q. You take photographs?
- 20 That's correct. Α.
- 21 Inside of the pharmacy and outside of the pharmacy? 0.
- 22 That's correct. Α.
- 23 That's done by the sales executive, true? Q.
- 24 Α. Yes.
- 25 MR. KENNEDY: And if we can pull up 41625.

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       pull it up yet. I'll get permission hopefully.
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            May I approach, Your Honor?
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                 THE COURT: Yes.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Thank you.
                 MR. KENNEDY: Counsel and Mr. Perry, attached to
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       this --
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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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            Well, sir, first of all, is that your name on the front
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       page of this e-mail, Mr. Perry, Ed Hazewski, a 590
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       Questionnaire, sir?
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       Α.
            Yes.
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            And if we go to Page 3, is that a 590 Questionnaire?
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: Your Honor, before we go further,
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       this -- I will object to the use of this particular document
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       because it is a display of a Form 590 for a customer that is
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       not in Cabell -- or not in Cabell County or the City of
17
       Huntington. It's in the State of West Virginia, but it's
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       not in Cabell County or Huntington.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: And, Your Honor, we are simply using
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       this as an exemplifier. I'm not going to ask any questions.
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       We can later black out any of the answers by the customer,
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       but we chose a questionnaire as an exemplifier that Mr.
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       Perry was involved in the creation --
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                 THE COURT: Why didn't you pick one in the
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       geographical area at issue here?
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MR. KENNEDY: It's -- this is the same
questionnaire nationally, Your Honor, and I'm not sure we
have one within the geographic area that Mr. Perry filled
    I just want to use it as an example.
          MR. NICHOLAS: That's okay. Let it go.
          MR. KENNEDY: Just an example.
          THE COURT: All right. Go ahead.
          MR. KENNEDY: Thank you.
     And if we can display Page 3, please.
          BY MR. KENNEDY:
Ο.
     Sir, up at the top, Form 590 is identified; true? On
Page 3, sir?
Α.
     Yes.
          MR. NICHOLAS: Your Honor, I will permit -- it's
okay to permit the question, but I'm uncomfortable having
the display -- having the customer information displayed,
particularly when we're not talking about a -- I am just
asking that it be taken off the screen really.
          THE COURT: Yeah. Do that, Mr. Kennedy, and then
you can go ahead.
          MR. KENNEDY: That's fine. Thank you, Your Honor.
          BY MR. KENNEDY:
Q.
    Retail pharmacy questionnaire up at the top, sir?
Α.
     Yes.
     And then, number one, the pharmacy name, that would be
Q.
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- 1 | the first question where the pharmacy is identified, true?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. And then, two says if existing ABC customer. This
- 4 indicates, like you said, sometimes you go back after the
- 5 customer has been accepted and you update the questionnaire,
- 6 correct?
- 7 A. That's correct.
- 8 Q. And you see down at the bottom it says, "Revised
- 9 January 8, 2008." Do you see that, sir?
- 10 **A.** Yes.
- 11 **Q.** And so, it probably existed prior to '08, then was
- revised in '08. Do we agree with that?
- 13 A. It says it's revised.
- 14 | Q. And it's attached to an e-mail from 2014, so this
- 15 questionnaire would have existed at least until 2014 that
- 16 you were utilizing, true?
- 17 A. I assume.
- 18 Q. And if you will go to Page 5 of the questionnaire -- or
- of the exhibit, sir, do you see Question 32? Do you see
- 20 | that?
- 21 **A.** Yes.
- 22 Q. 32 says, "Check the following types of products and
- provide the approximate percentage of products you expect to
- 24 purchase from AmerisourceBergen." Do you see that question?
- 25 **A.** Yes.

- 1 Q. So, that is something that AmerisourceBergen wants to
- 2 know before they will agree to even start selling controlled
- 3 | substances, correct?
- 4 A. That's correct.
- 5 Q. And you go down and there's a line three down that says
- 6 "controlled substances" and if you check yes, then
- 7 AmerisourceBergen wants to know the percentage of total
- 8 purchases. Do you see that?
- 9 **A.** Yes.
- 10 Q. And that takes us back to the controlled substance
- 11 percentage that we talked about a little bit ago, true?
- 12 **A.** Yes.
- 13 **Q.** As a part of your training and education about this
- 14 | 590, you understood, sir, that if you have a high controlled
- 15 substance ratio, then that can be a concern, correct?
- 16 A. It could be.
- 17 Q. Now, go down further. See 34? 34 says, "Please
- 18 provide a list of names of all suppliers you intend to
- continue to use." Did I read that right?
- 20 **A.** Yes.
- 21 Q. Suppliers means distributors?
- 22 A. I don't know if it means distributors or not. It says
- 23 "suppliers".
- 24 Q. Okay. Sir, as part of your education and training, did
- you understand that AmerisourceBergen wanted to know that

- 1 because if a pharmacy splits their purchases among two or
- 2 more different suppliers, it allows them to order under
- 3 thresholds? Did you understand that to be the reason for
- 4 | that question?
- 5 A. The reason I have different suppliers, first of all, is
- 6 | not to buy -- you know, to cherry-pick from one customer to
- 7 another, as far as a wholesaler. The reason behind having
- 8 | multiple suppliers for independent pharmacies is to have
- 9 access for all product.
- 10 Q. Is this a question that Regulatory Affairs wanted an
- answer to before they would agree to sell controlled
- 12 | substances?
- 13 A. We ask every customer if they're using another
- 14 supplier.
- 15 Q. 35, "Why are you changing wholesalers?" Do you see
- 16 | that?
- 17 **A.** Yes.
- 18 Q. And AmerisourceBergen wanted an answer to this and the
- 19 | Regulatory Department, sir, because there could be different
- 20 reasons why someone is changing their supplier or
- 21 distributor, true?
- 22 A. That's correct.
- 23 Q. Sometimes they can change because price, true?
- 24 A. That's correct.
- 25 Q. Other times, they can change because the distributor is

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       limiting or cutting off their purchase of controlled
2
       substances, true?
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            That could be true.
       Α.
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            And that would be a concern?
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       Α.
            Yes.
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            And that is something Regulatory Affairs wants to know
 7
       about prior, right, prior to beginning the sale of
 8
       controlled substances?
                 MR. NICHOLAS: Your Honor, I -- I will object to
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       the questions about what Regulatory Affairs wants to know
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       about only because the plaintiffs have had three -- they
12
       have summoned three witnesses from Regulatory Affairs into
       this courtroom and cross-examined them for hours on end.
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       They could have -- they could ask all of that stuff of those
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       -- of those people. To the extent they have, great. To the
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       extent they haven't, this is not the witness for whom to ask
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       those kinds of questions. So, I will object to this -- to
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       the questions to the extent they're asking what Regulatory
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       Affairs thought or didn't think when the Regulatory Affairs
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       people were in the courtroom for the last three, four days.
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                 THE COURT: Well, this is cumulative and plowing
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       ground we've been over and over, so I'm going to sustain the
23
       objection.
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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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            All right. Sir, if you go to Page 38 -- or, excuse me,
       Q.
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       Question 38 on the next page. Do you see the question,
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       "Does the pharmacy expect to order more than 5,000 dosages
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       of hydrocodone combination products a month?" Do you see
 4
       that question?
 5
       Α.
            Yes.
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            And if that is the intention of the pharmacy, then the
 7
       590 Questionnaire, sir, that you were helping them fill out,
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       it requires an explanation, true?
 9
       Α.
            Yes.
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            And that's something that AmerisourceBergen chose to
11
       put on this form before they even agree to sell, true?
12
       Α.
            Yes.
13
            And if the explanation being provided is not sufficient
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       or appropriate, that can be a concern, true?
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: Same objection, Your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: Sustained.
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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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            Go to Question 40, sir. Does 40 state, "Does the
19
       pharmacy expect to order more than 6,000 dosage units of
20
       oxycodone", and if they say yes, they're required to provide
21
       an explanation for why they want to buy that level of
22
       oxycodone; is that true?
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       Α.
            Yes.
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            And then 42, "If reason for yes to answers 38 to 41 is
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       pain management clinics physicians, please list each
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prescriber with their DEA registration number." Is that
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       required information?
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            If the answer is yes for 31 through -- or 38 through
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       41, yes.
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            AmerisourceBergen, at least from the questionnaire that
 6
       you have filled out countless occasions, they want to know
 7
       then the identity of those pain clinics, true?
                 MR. NICHOLAS: Same, same objection.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: I have no further questions on this
10
       questionnaire, Your Honor. That might help us.
11
                 THE COURT: Well, I'll sustain the objection and
12
       you can move on to your next subject, Mr. Kennedy.
13
                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
14
            Sir, to -- to sum up then, your responsibilities prior
15
       to the customer, the new customer becoming a customer that
16
       you'll sell controlled substances to, is you fill out the
17
       590 information, correct?
18
       Α.
            Yes.
19
            You do a site visit?
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           Yes.
       Α.
21
            You take photographs?
22
            Correct.
       Α.
23
            After they become a customer, you -- periodically, when
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       asked, you will update the 590, true?
25
       Α.
            Correct.
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            You will continue as the eyes and the ears, correct?
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       Α.
            Correct.
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            But you had additional responsibility other than just
       the routine collection of materials, did you not, sir?
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            Could you be more specific?
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                 MR. KENNEDY: If you can give us 205, please,
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       which is not an exhibit?
                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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            Sir, would I be correct that beyond just the routine
10
       collection of information, sales executives were responsible
11
       for investigating their customer even after it was
12
       determined that the customer was a concern for diversion?
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                 THE COURT: Mr. Nicholas?
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: Yeah. I'll object to this
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       demonstrative. I don't know where it comes from, what it's
16
       foundation is. I would ask that it be taken down for the
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       time being unless -- again, I mean, it's just something
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       that's written down on a piece of paper with no -- no
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       foundation at all. So, I'll object and, you know, questions
20
       can be asked and answered, but I don't think the
21
       demonstrative should be used in this fashion.
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                 THE COURT: Well, I agree, until you lay a
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       foundation for it, Mr. Kennedy. Go ahead.
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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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            Well, sir, you were -- you were trained with respect to
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       responsibilities, were you not?
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            You would have to be a little more specific with
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       regards to my responsibilities.
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            Were you trained in -- beginning in '07 and then every
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       year thereafter with respect to your responsibilities as it
 6
       related to Diversion Control?
 7
       Α.
           Yes.
 8
           Okay. And as part of those responsibilities and as
 9
       things actually worked, the Sales Executive was responsible
10
       for doing investigations even after one of your customers
       was determined to be a concern for diversion? That is what
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       happened in reality, true?
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: I'll object for lack of foundation.
14
       It's a compound question and, at this point, although I
15
       understand the Court's ruling on leading, I will object to
16
       leading in this fashion.
17
                 THE COURT: Just a minute.
18
            (Pause)
19
                 MR. NICHOLAS: And I'll only add that our CSRA
20
       people have all already been on the stand and been asked
21
       about this. So, it's cumulative, as well.
22
                 THE COURT: Well, he's asked him about the sales
23
       representatives' responsibilities and --
24
                 MR. NICHOLAS: The -- I don't want to interrupt.
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                 THE COURT: Well, that was -- I'll hear you.
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MR. NICHOLAS: I was just going to say, our CSRA
people have already been asked about the sales, the
responsibilities of the salespeople. I can -- I can recall
it for at least Mr. May and Mr. Mays.
          THE COURT: Well, that's true, but Mr. Perry is a
salesman and he is on the front line in sales and I think it
is appropriate for this to be pursued, but you're going to
have to lay a foundation for that document.
          MR. KENNEDY: Your Honor, I just -- I just was
saving time. I could have written that on the board.
That's all that that was. And I'm just asking this witness
according to his training and what he was actually asked to
do.
          THE COURT: Well, you can ask him about his
understanding.
          MR. KENNEDY: Yes, sir.
          THE COURT: What his responsibilities as a sales
representative were and, beyond that, I'm probably not going
to let you go.
          BY MR. KENNEDY:
    My specific question is, sir, is it true through your
career at times you were asked to do investigations of your
customers even after it was determined that they were a
concern for diversion?
     I was never asked to do an investigation. I would be
Α.
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- 1 asked to retrieve information with regards to the 590s and 2
- 3 And, sir, so we can communicate, when I say Q.
- 4 investigation, that's exactly what I mean, retrieving
- 5 information, right?

that be it.

- 6 That's correct.
- 7 Okay. Retrieving that information involved talking to Q.
- 8 and asking questions to the pharmacist on the 590, correct?
- 9 Yes. Α.
- 10 That investigation and retrieving information required
- 11 talking to owners and getting the information on the 590s?
- 12 Α. Yes.
- 13 Including explanations as to why they needed to buy so
- 14 much hydrocodone above 5,000, correct?
- 15 Α. That's correct.
- 16 Asking their explanations why they needed to buy
- 17 oxycodone above 6,000, correct?
- 18 That's correct. Α.
- 19 And it also included taking photographs of the
- 20 surrounding areas?
- 21 That's correct. Α.
- 22 Okay. So, that's what we mean by investigation?
- 23 MR. NICHOLAS: Your Honor, I will -- my objection
- 24 is, that was all fine, but I don't want to conflate the --
- 25 use the word investigation, which is Mr. Kennedy -- I don't

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       want the record to make it appear that Mr. Kennedy's use of
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       the word investigation is conferred on this witness. I
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       think it's important to keep the language clean on a point
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       like this.
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                 THE COURT: Well --
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Just trying to communicate, Your
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               That's -- I don't want to have to --
       Honor.
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                 THE COURT: He said he didn't believe there were
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       investigations, but then you asked him what he actually does
       and referred to it as an investigation. So, try to keep the
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       language clean and go ahead.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Thank you.
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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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            When I say investigation, you'll understand that that's
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       what I mean, the information gathering that you did. All
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       right?
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: Same objection. I'm worried about
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       the record. I'm not worried about -- you know, the
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       communication may seem fine, but I'm worried about the
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       record.
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                 THE COURT: Yeah. You don't want the record to
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       show that this guy was an investigator who had a
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       responsibility to do things that -- beyond what he's
24
       testifying to? And that was very inarticulate, but --
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: I don't want the record to
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       misconstrue that on that point exactly. He said he doesn't
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       do investigations. And then, the next thing we hear are a
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       series of questions that refer to what he does as to an
 4
       investigation.
                 THE COURT: Right. Just ask him what he does, Mr.
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 6
       Kennedy, and don't call it an investigation because he said
 7
       it isn't.
 8
                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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            Let's talk about SafeScript. All right? Is SafeScript
10
       one of your customers, sir?
11
       Α.
           They were.
12
       Q.
           Located in Huntington?
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           That's correct.
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           Fourth Avenue, if you recall?
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            I don't recall the exact -- if it was Fourth Avenue,
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       Third Avenue. It was on one of the lower streets there in
17
       Huntington.
18
            And do you recollect they were a customer from 2004 to
19
       2012?
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       Α.
            Yes.
21
            And you were the sales rep the entire time?
22
            That's correct.
       Α.
23
            Were your responsibilities relating to diversion and
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collecting information any different for SafeScript than

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your other pharmacies?

- 1 **A.** No.
- 2 Q. And, sir, if I told you to assume that
- 3 AmerisourceBergen sold 3.8 million dosages of oxycodone and
- 4 hydrocodone products to SafeScript from '04 to '12, would
- 5 that surprise you?
- 6 A. Could you say that again?
- 7 Q. If I told you and asked to you assume that
- 8 AmerisourceBergen shipped 3.8 million doses of oxycodone and
- 9 hydrocodone to SafeScript between '04 and '12, would that
- 10 amount surprise you?
- 11 A. I don't know if it would surprise me or not. There's a
- 12 lot of things that could come into play there with regards
- 13 to the product that they actually purchased, their
- 14 clientele, the doctors.
- 15 Q. Sir, again, you started in '04 with them as your
- 16 | customer, correct? Yes, sir?
- 17 **A.** Yes.
- 18 Q. You sold them oxycodone, true?
- 19 **A.** Yes.
- 20 Q. And do you remember that they were the highest volume
- 21 oxycodone customer in Cabell County?
- 22 A. That, I did not have information.
- 23 Q. And, sir, would I be correct, though, that early in
- your relationship with SafeScript, you concluded, you
- concluded, that you were selling them a lot of oxycodone?

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            I concluded?
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            Yes, sir.
       Q.
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            I don't -- I don't ever recall saying that I sold them
 4
       a lot of oxycodone.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: And if we could look at P-02796,
 6
       please.
7
            And if I can approach, Your Honor. And, Your Honor,
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       I'm thinking we may not have an objection because this has
 9
       been admitted into evidence. It was yesterday with Mr. --
10
       Mr. Farrell's questioning.
11
            Can we display this on the screen, Your Honor?
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                 THE COURT: I'm sorry?
13
                 MR. KENNEDY: Can we put this on the screen?
14
       was admitted yesterday.
15
                 THE COURT: Yes. Put it on the screen.
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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
17
            And, Mr. Perry, if you'll look at the first page, if
18
       you would, please. Does the first page up at the top say
       "SOM investigation, SafeScript Pharmacy"?
19
20
       Α.
            Yes.
21
                 MR. KENNEDY: If you'll go to Page 2 and if you
22
       can go to the paragraph that corresponds to 3/26/08, if you
23
       could pull that out, please.
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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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            And does it state, "Below response received from ACM"?
       Q.
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       ACM would be -- would be you, would it not, sir?
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       Α.
            That's correct.
 3
            And did you state in an e-mail, "Scott", and is Scott
       Ο.
 4
       Regulatory Affairs?
 5
            Yes.
 6
            "This document [sic] does a lot of this style of
 7
       medication. Several pain clinics in the area." All right.
 8
       Pain clinics, pain clinics is -- is one of the things that
 9
       AmerisourceBergen wants to know about even before they'll
10
       agree to sell you controlled substances, correct?
11
       Α.
            That's something we like to know about, yes.
12
            And so, now in '08, we know that SafeScript has a lot
13
       of pain clinics in the area, true?
14
       Α.
            Yes.
15
                 MR. NICHOLAS: I'll object to the use of the word
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       -- to the use of the words a lot. This has several pain
17
       clinics in the area.
18
                 MR. KENNEDY: I apologize. It says several.
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                 THE COURT: Well, I'll sustain the objection
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       unless he explains what he means by a lot.
21
                 MR. KENNEDY: Yes, sir.
22
                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
23
       Q.
            Does this say "several"?
            It says "several pain clinics".
24
       Α.
25
            Those are your words, correct?
       Q.
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- 1 **A.** Yes.
- 2 Q. The second sentence, does it state, "They did start
- 3 buying from Miami-Luken"? Miami-Luken is another
- 4 distributor, correct?
- 5 A. That's correct.
- 6 Q. And, again, that's information AmerisourceBergen wants
- 7 to know about before they'll agree to even sell you
- 8 controlled substances, true?
- 9 A. We want to know that regardless if it's controlled
- 10 | substance or if it's just a regular pharmaceutical.
- 11 Q. Okay. They state, "They did start buying from
- 12 Miami-Luken for a few month because we kept holding orders."
- And now you know the reason why they went over to
- 14 Miami-Luken, correct?
- 15 **A.** Yes.
- 16 Q. And the reason is you folks were holding orders of
- 17 oxycodone so they went elsewhere so they could purchase
- 18 | additional oxycodone, true? Is that what it states?
- 19 **A.** It states that we were holding orders.
- 20 Q. And that's why they went to Miami-Luken, is what it
- 21 states, true?
- 22 **A.** Yes.
- 23 Q. Sir, it states that next, "They again started buying
- everything from us because the volume was going down and it
- was affecting their cost of goods." Is that the way the

- 1 system worked, sir, that the more you buy, the better your
- 2 price for AmerisourceBergen?
- 3 A. It would depend.
- 4 Q. Well, we're talking about oxycodone.
- 5 A. Could you be more specific with regards to that
- 6 oxycodone?
- 7 Q. Is there a specific type of oxycodone, sir, that the
- 8 more you buy, the less the price?
- 9 **A.** No.
- 10 **Q.** There is not?
- 11 A. To my knowledge, no.
- 12 Q. And what are you referencing there in that statement,
- sir, that "because the volume got low, it was affecting
- 14 their price and cost of goods"?
- 15 A. Well, if a specific account was buying, they would have
- 16 a specific sale-buy program regardless if they were buying
- controlled substance or if they were buying regular
- 18 | pharmaceuticals. If they fell outside of those parameters,
- 19 their cost of goods would go down.
- 20 Q. And, sir, you finally state, "They always have done a
- lot with oxy and Methadone." Do you see that?
- 22 **A.** Yes.
- 23 Q. And you mean they had always purchased a lot of
- 24 oxycodone; is that correct, sir?
- 25 A. That's correct.

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                 MR. KENNEDY: And if I can have P-44758.
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            Your Honor, this was admitted into evidence by you, I
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       think, the day before yesterday. This is a -- a graph from
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       Dr. McCann related to SafeScript.
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            And if we could put that up on the screen.
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            May I approach, Your Honor?
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                 THE COURT: Yes.
                 MR. KENNEDY: It may be just easiest --
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                 MR. MAHADY: Do you mind if we see what the
       exhibit is because there's been some --
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                 MR. KENNEDY: We're using Page 30, Your Honor.
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       Page 30 was expressly referenced by Dr. McCann at Page 162
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       of his transcript from May 11th. This, I believe, was --
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       was admitted.
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                 MR. MAHADY: No objection to the use of this, Your
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       Honor.
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                 THE COURT: When you get to a stopping point, Mr.
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       Kennedy, I'm going to have to pull the plug here because
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       I've got another matter to deal with.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: All right. After I do this, then
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       we're all good.
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                 THE COURT: You go ahead. That's fine.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: And if we can go to, I believe, Page
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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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And, Mr. Perry, if we go up from '08 and if you stated
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       in '08 that they were buying a lot of oxy, can we agree they
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       were buying a lot of oxy in '07?
                 MR. NICHOLAS: Your Honor, I'll object to the use
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       of the document with this witness. There's no foundation
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       laid at all as to whether the witness has any knowledge of
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       what's being displayed here or anything else.
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                 THE COURT: I'll sustain the objection, Mr.
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       Kennedy.
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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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            Sir, when you said in the e-mail they had always used,
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       purchased a lot of oxy, tell me the time frame you meant.
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       Did you mean all the way back to the beginning to '04?
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            I can't say what time frame that would have been.
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            And, sir, when you stated that "they probably always
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       would", if we assume these numbers to be true, your
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       prediction that they would always buy a lot of oxy was true?
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: Same objection. And as to the use
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       of this document and to the extreme leading nature of the
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       question at this point.
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                 THE COURT: Sustained.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: I have nothing further at this
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       point, Your Honor. It's a good time to break.
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                 THE COURT: Yes. We'll be in recess until 2:00.
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            Mr. Perry, you can step down and we'll expect you back
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       here a little before 2:00.
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                 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
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                 THE COURT: Thank you very much.
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                 THE COURT: Mr. Perry, you can resume the witness
       stand, sir. And the Court will remind you you're still
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       under oath, Mr. Perry.
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            Mr. Kennedy, do you want to resume your direct?
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Thank you, Your Honor.
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            All set?
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                 THE COURT: Yes.
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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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            Good afternoon, Mr. Perry.
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           Good afternoon.
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            In your training, did you have an understanding of what
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       a suspicious order was?
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            And did you understand that if Regulatory concluded
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       that a customer had placed a suspicious order, they would
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       report that to the DEA? Did you know that?
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            I did not know that it would be reported to the DEA.
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       would report that to the CSRA side and let them do what they
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       needed to do from that time forward.
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            And did you know that -- you can assume in 2007-2008
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       that AmerisourceBergen reported some suspicious orders to
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the DEA with regard to SafeScript. You can assume that.
So, I want to ask you, did you understand through your
training that just because AmerisourceBergen reported
suspicious orders to the DEA, that did not relieve
AmerisourceBergen from its responsibility to continue to
maintain effective controls against diversion? Is that
consistent with your training, sir?
          MR. NICHOLAS: Your Honor, I'm going to object as
we embark on this road of asking what the -- what CSRA'S
requirements were. This is -- this is not the witness for
these kinds of questions. We all understand the nature and
the purpose of the questions, but we had CSRA people here
for three days or more.
          THE COURT: Yeah.
          MR. KENNEDY: Your Honor, if I might respond?
          THE COURT: Of course, pretty badly, but he did
ask him if it was consistent with his training.
          MR. KENNEDY: Yes, sir.
          THE COURT:
                    So, I'll let him answer, but you're
going to have to get through this, Mr. Kennedy.
          THE WITNESS: I'm going to need you to re-frame
that question again.
          BY MR. KENNEDY:
     Did you understand from your training, sir, that just
because AmerisourceBergen reported a suspicious order to the
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       DEA, that did not relieve AmerisourceBergen from its
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       responsibility to continue to maintain effective controls to
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       prevent diversion?
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: Same objection. Calls for a legal
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       conclusion, as well.
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                 THE COURT: Sustained.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: If we can have P-00193, please.
            If I can approach, Your Honor?
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                 THE COURT: Yes.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Thank you.
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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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            And, Mr. Perry, is the title of this document "ABC
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       Diversion Control Program The Sales Associate Role in
       Diversion Control"?
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            And would you be included in that category of sales
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       associate?
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            Was it your practice as a responsible employee to
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       attend the training sessions that were provided by
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       AmerisourceBergen with respect to your role in Diversion
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       Control?
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            Yes, either by in person meetings or by video meetings.
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            If you can go to Page 3, please. Let me read bullet
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       point 2. Well, let's start with bullet point 1. "21 CFR
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       1301.74 requires that registrants design and operate systems
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       to identify suspicious orders and report suspicious orders
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       to the DEA when discovered." Consistent with your training,
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       sir?
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            I mean, it's there. I'm not responsible for
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       identifying those and sending them to the DEA.
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           I understand. Bullet point number two, "Reporting
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       suspicious orders to DEA does not relieve the distributor of
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       the responsibility to maintain effective controls to prevent
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       diversion." Consistent with your training, sir, that
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       statement?
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            Again, I'm not responsible for sending that information
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       to the DEA.
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            I understand that, but is that statement with respect
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       to the continued responsibility after the report of a
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       suspicious order consistent with your training?
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            Yes. I am saying yes.
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            Okay, thank you. The next bullet, "DEA cannot tell a
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       distributor if an order is or not and usually will not tell
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       the distributor whether or not to ship." Is that
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       consistent, sir, with your training?
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       Α.
           Yes.
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25 consistent with your training?

And, finally, "Distributor must make a business

decision whether or not to ship the order". Is that

1 Yes. 2 So, sir, you understood the DEA was not going to tell 3 AmerisourceBergen whether or not to continue to ship to 4 SafeScript; AmerisourceBergen had to make that decision? 5 You understood that from your training? 6 MR. RUBY: Your Honor -- Your Honor, objection as 7 to time frame. There's no -- I don't see any date on this 8 document that would orient the witness. 9 THE COURT: Yes. I was wondering about that 10 myself, Mr. Kennedy. 11 MR. KENNEDY: Your Honor, the -- Page 2, I'm 12 sorry, it has a copyright of 2007. 13 BY MR. KENNEDY: 14 And, sir, we've read through the statements. Was this 15 a consistent message, what we have talked about and what we 16 have read, from 2007 forward? 17 Again, it's in writing here, but as far as the sales 18 making those calls, the sales did not make those calls. 19 I'm not asking who made the call. I'm just talking 20 about the existence of the responsibility that's consistent 21 with your training, true? 22 MR. NICHOLAS: I'll object. I think the witness 23 is -- is expressing the fact that he's limited in his 24 ability to answer such questions.

THE COURT: Sustained.

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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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            So, let's go back to SafeScript. We left off before
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       the break with SafeScript in 2008 and, at that point in
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       time, we looked at your e-mail where you had informed
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       Regulatory Affairs about the pain clinics and about
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       purchases from Miami-Luken; do you recall that, in 2008,
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       before lunch?
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            Yes.
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            So, moving to 2009. Were you folks still selling
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       oxycodone to SafeScript?
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            I don't recall if we were at that time or not.
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            Were you still the sales representative?
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            Yes.
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            In September of 2009, do you remember Regulatory
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       deciding that they needed to take a closer look at
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       SafeScript?
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            I don't recall that.
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                MR. KENNEDY: If we can have P-17150, please.
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            May I approach, Your Honor?
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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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            Mr. Perry, I'm going to start at the bottom of this and
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       move up to your involvement in the top e-mail, if we could.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: If you can bring up -- or excuse me.
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       Don't bring it up.
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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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1 An e-mail from Eric Martin, he's in Regulatory, 2 correct? 3 He's part of CSRA, yes. 4 And its subject is OMP Reports. Do you know what OMP 5 is, Order Monitoring Program? 6 Α. Yes. 7 And it says, "John, based on the last two reports and 8 recommendation of Joe Tomkiewicz, we at the Division should 9 focus on independent retail accounts that show repeatedly 10 and have OMP threshold issues." Do you understand that to 11 mean that they show repeatedly; that means they are 12 exceeding their threshold repeatedly? Would you understand 13 that, sir? 14 MR. NICHOLAS: I have to object. I object. He's 15 not on this document. 16 You know, I thought he was going to be shown the 17 document. I didn't think it was going to be read. I 18 thought he was going to be asked if it refreshed his 19 recollection. He can't read this stuff into the record 20 without -- on the -- in this fashion. 21 THE COURT: Mr. Ruby, do you want to --22 MR. RUBY: Same objection, Your Honor. 23 MR. ACKERMAN: Your Honor, I would just note for 24 the record that this is another one of the documents that is

included in the stipulation at Docket 1306.

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MR. KENNEDY: And we can take it in parts, Your Honor. We would offer this into evidence under 801(d)(2)(D) as a statement offered against AmerisourceBergen and if we can get it into evidence through there, this is referencing SafeScript and his responsibility. His name is at the top of the document. If we can admit it into evidence and then question about SafeScript, his customer, and then his involvement, that's what we intend to do. THE COURT: Well, if its authenticity is not disputed and it fits within 801(d)(2)(D), it can come in, but he doesn't know anything about it, Mr. Kennedy. You haven't laid a foundation for it or anything. I'm not going to just let you pull a piece of paper out of the sky and fry this witness with it. MR. KENNEDY: All right. BY MR. KENNEDY: Sir, SafeScript is your customer? Yes. Α. And is your name at the top of the e-mail referencing you as the Account Manager or Sales Rep for SafeScript? It's in the e-mail. It's not the top of the e-mail. MR. KENNEDY: Well, Your Honor, may I question the document? Or I can move on. MR. RUBY: Your Honor, we would object, and just to clarify --

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                 THE COURT: I'm going to sustain the objection.
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       You need to -- you need to move on.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: And, Your Honor, we would like to --
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                 THE COURT: If you want to offer it, we'll decide
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       whether it's admissible or not, but I'm not going to let you
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       question Mr. Perry about it.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: We would offer P-17150 into
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       evidence.
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: Per the stipulation, Your Honor, we
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       have no objection to the admission of the document.
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                 THE COURT: All right. It's admitted.
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                   PLAINTIFF EXHIBIT P-17150 ADMITTED
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Could you give us P-16655, please?
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            May I approach, Your Honor?
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                 THE COURT: Yes.
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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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            Sir, if you could go to -- oh.
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            (Pause)
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                 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Kennedy.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Thank you, Your Honor. We would
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       like to offer into evidence P-16655 under 801(d)(2)(D).
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                 THE COURT: Is there any objection?
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: No objection.
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                 THE COURT: It's admitted.
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                    PLAINTIFF EXHIBIT P-16655 ADMITTED
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BY MR. KENNEDY:

Q. Sir, would you go to the second page, please, of the e-mail at the bottom from Eric Martin to you? Did Mr.

Martin, sir, write to you on September 9, 2009, "Michael, your account", gives the number, "SafeScript has, for the last two months, purchased a high ratio of controlled substances to control -- to total sales." And so, that's -- we talked about that earlier, correct? And high controlled substance ratio, I think you told us, sir, it can be of concern, correct?

A. That's correct.

Q. He continues, "Please visit this account and ask them if there has been a significant change in their business that may account for this. Please compare the current Form 590 to the current purchase history, as the percentage of sales they declared would be controlled substances. Please complete an amended Form 590, if necessary, and a Request to Review Threshold and forward copies to myself and Ed Hazewski, Manager Diversion Control. Please respond by e-mail when this visit has been scheduled. Thank you for your help in keeping us compliant." All right?

Let's look at the last statement. "Thank you for your help in keeping us compliant." At this point in time, sir, you understand, at least from your impression, you were selling them a lot of oxycodone, correct? Correct?

- A. It doesn't specifically say oxycodone.
- 2 Q. I'm asking you, sir, at this point in time, do you
- 3 understand that you were selling them a lot of oxycodone?
- 4 A. I can't answer that.
- 5 Q. Pardon me?

- 6 A. I cannot answer that.
- 7 Q. At this point in time, you know their controlled
- 8 substance ratio is high, do you not?
- 9 A. That, we know.
- 10 Q. At this point in time, you know that they have been
- 11 purchasing from a second distributor, Miami-Luken, correct?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. You know the reason that they left you folks was
- 14 | because you were stopping some of their orders and they
- wanted to be able to buy as much Oxycodone as they wanted.
- 16 You knew that, did you not?
- MR. NICHOLAS: Object to that, Your Honor. That's
- 18 | -- he can't know that and that's an improper question.
- 19 THE COURT: Just a minute.
- 20 Sustained.
- BY MR. KENNEDY:
- 22 Q. Sir, at this point in time, from your prior note that
- we went through, you knew that they were buying from pain
- 24 clinics, correct, or they were servicing pain clinics
- 25 | filling those prescriptions, correct?

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Q. And, sir, I will ask you to assume that they were purchasing beyond the 5,000 hydrocodones. I'll ask you to assume that they were purchasing far in excess, eight to ten times in excess of the 6,000. So, assuming that, they would have been required to explain why they wanted to buy at

- A. Assuming if those were the numbers.
- Q. Sir, given all of this, did you take this to mean that
 Mr. Martin believed that sending you to collect information
 kept AmerisourceBergen compliant?

12 MR. HESTER: Objection, calls for speculation.

13 THE COURT: Sustained.

these levels, correct?

BY MR. KENNEDY:

- Q. Sir, on this -- go up to number 2, e-mail above, if you would. You e-mailed Mr. Martin back. Do you see that?
- A. Yes.
- 18 Q. E-mailed him back the same day and you state to Mr.
- 19 Martin, "This account has always purchased a high volume of
- controls to total sales." Can you give us a time frame?
- 21 How long had you known that SafeScript was buying a high
- volume of controls to total sales?
- 23 A. I don't know the time frame.
- Q. And down below, Mr. Martin said "two months". You
- corrected him and said that they always had purchased a high

1 volume, true?

- 2 A. They purchased a high volume, yes.
- 3 Q. Sir, on this -- this e-mail chain is Mr. Hazewski. Do
- 4 you see that? Mr. Hazewski's on the first e-mail?
- 5 **A.** Which e-mail are you referring to?
- 6 Q. The first one that we read.
- 7 A. The one dated September 9th?
- 8 **Q.** Yes, sir.
- 9 A. At what time?
- 10 **Q.** Yes, sir.
- 11 **A.** The 3:52 one? The --
- 12 Q. Mr. Hazewski is in the 3:52, yes.
- 13 **A.** Okay.
- 14 Q. Do you see that?
- 15 **A.** Yep.
- 16 O. You knew Mr. Hazewski?
- 17 **A.** Yes.
- 18 Q. Did you know that he was a 25-year police officer
- 19 before coming to AmerisourceBergen?
- 20 A. I did not know that.
- 21 Q. I think on the next page, Scott Kirsch is on one of
- 22 those e-mails. Did you know Scott Kirsch?
- 23 A. I knew of Scott.
- 24 Q. Did you know he was a five-year police officer in
- 25 Pennsylvania before coming to AmerisourceBergen?

- 1 A. I did not know that.
- Q. What about Bruce Gundy, did you know him?
 - A. I don't know Bruce.
- 4 Q. Is there any indication here that, at this point in
- 5 | time, sir, Mr. Hazewski with his police background, Mr.
- 6 | Kirsch, that either of them were going to go to SafeScript?
- 7 A. I have no idea.
- 8 Q. Did Mr. Hazewski ever visit SafeScript, sir, to your
- 9 knowledge?

- MR. NICHOLAS: Objection.
- 11 THE COURT: Well, if he knows.
- 12 Do you know?
- 13 THE WITNESS: I do not know.
- BY MR. KENNEDY:
- 15 Q. Sir, when somebody from Regulatory Affairs would go to
- one of your pharmacy customers, you would make arrangements
- for that meeting, would you not?
- 18 | A. I don't believe I ever had Regulatory Affairs go to one
- 19 of my pharmacies. We always had an outsourced agency do
- 20 that.
- 21 **Q.** And that started in 2015, did it not?
- 22 A. I'm not sure when that started.
- 23 Q. From 2004 to 2012, an eight-year period of SafeScript,
- 24 do you have any recollection of anybody from Regulatory
- 25 Affairs ever going to SafeScript to talk to the owner?

1 To my knowledge, no. 2 Did you ever have anybody from Regulatory Affairs ever 3 go to SafeScript during this eight-year period and talk to 4 the pharmacist? 5 To my knowledge, no. 6 Let's go to 2011. Do you remember in 2011 sending 7 Regulatory Affairs the names of three prescribing physicians 8 that they were filling scripts for at SafeScript? 9 I don't recall that. Maybe if I saw it. 10 Well, I'll try to help you out. 11 MR. KENNEDY: 16651, please. 12 May I approach, Your Honor? Thank you. 13 Your Honor, we would like to offer into evidence 14 P-16651, again, under 801(d)(2)(D). 15 THE COURT: Is there any objection to this one? 16 MR. NICHOLAS: No objection to it being admitted 17 pursuant to the stipulation. 18 THE COURT: All right. It's admitted. 19 PLAINTIFF EXHIBIT P-16651 ADMITTED 20 BY MR. KENNEDY: 21 Now, sir, could you look at the e-mail up at the top? Ο. 22 MR. KENNEDY: Do you want to pull that up, please? 23 BY MR. KENNEDY: 24 You sent an e-mail, did you not, it looks like here 25 July 29, 2011 to Ed Hazewski, correct?

- 1 A. That's correct.
- 2 Q. He's in Regulatory Affairs, true?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 | Q. Copied Eric Martin, also Regulatory Affairs, correct?
- 5 A. That's correct.
- 6 Q. And the subject is "Threshold Limits SafeScript" and
- 7 | you attach some information and what you're attaching is an
- 8 e-mail from SafeScript to you, true, that appears below?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 **Q.** And it provides the names of three prescribers that
- 11 | SafeScript is filling scripts for, correct?
- 12 A. It has three prescribers on there.
- 13 Q. One is Deleno Webb and a second one of the three is
- 14 Phillip Fisher, true?
- 15 A. That's correct.
- 16 Q. Let's talk about Dr. Webb. As you sit here today, do
- 17 you know Dr. Webb's name?
- 18 A. I know his name.
- 19 Q. And do you know the issues and the problems he's had as
- 20 | we sit here today, sir?
- 21 **A.** No.
- 22 Q. Did anyone from AmerisourceBergen ever bring to your
- 23 attention issues or problems that Dr. Webb had with the West
- 24 Virginia Board of Worker's Compensation?
- 25 **A.** No.

1 Q. And so, why did you provide these names to Regulatory

- 2 Affairs?
- 3 A. I did not provide those names. Those names were given
- to me to provide to our Regulatory Affairs Team.

 Second in the chain then, why did you send to
- 6 Regulatory Affairs these names of these prescribers?
- 7 A. Because that's what we were in the process of doing.
- 8 Q. Did you understand that when you provide these names to
- 9 Regulatory Affairs that they investigate or they review and
- 10 look into the background of these physicians? That's the
- 11 purpose for sending them?
- 12 A. I don't know what their protocol is.
- 13 Q. Short of the protocol, do you understand that they
- review these names, which is why you send them, the names of
- 15 these doctors?
- MR. NICHOLAS: Objection, asked and answered. He
- just said he doesn't know the protocol.
- 18 THE COURT: I believe he said he didn't know,
- 19 didn't he, Mr. Kennedy?
- 20 MR. KENNEDY: I'm just -- I -- the word protocol
- 21 threw me off, Your Honor. I didn't know. I'm not asking
- 22 the protocol in detail.
- BY MR. KENNEDY:
- Q. You know that the reason you're sending this is they
- 25 can research --

1 THE COURT: Well, overruled. You can answer if 2 you can, Mr. Perry. 3 THE WITNESS: When I send information to them, what they do with it never comes back to me, as far as why 4 5 they want the information or the type of investigation that 6 they're doing. 7 BY MR. KENNEDY: So, your 24 years since '07, you never understood why 8 9 you were providing these names; is that your testimony? 10 I understand why I'm providing it. 11 Ο. Okay. 12 But what they do with it, I have no idea. 13 Q. Tell us why you provided it. 14 Α. Because they asked for it. 15 MR. KENNEDY: If we can have P-26160, please. 16 If we can approach. Thank you, Your Honor. 17 Your Honor, we would move to enter into evidence 18 P-26160. 19 THE COURT: Any objection? 20 MR. NICHOLAS: Yes. I object to this on the 21 grounds of hearsay and relevance. The witness has already 22 indicated he doesn't know anything about any of this and so 23 I certainly do object. 24 MR. ACKERMAN: Your Honor, it's offered for 25 I'd also note that Rule 902(6) provides that notice.

1 newspapers and periodicals are self-authenticating. 2 MR. NICHOLAS: Well, as far as notice is 3 concerned, let me just say for -- again that Mr. Mays was 4 here this morning, Mr. May was here, you know, in the last 5 couple of days, and Mr. Zimmerman was here before that. 6 they want to talk about -- if they want to talk about what 7 CSRA knew or didn't do [sic], did or didn't do, or did do, 8 they could have asked those -- those individuals these 9 questions. 10 This witness has already said he knows nothing about 11 this. So, there is absolutely no reason that I can think of 12 why they should be permitted to ask questions of this 13 witness. 14 MR. KENNEDY: And, Your Honor, may I respond? 15 THE COURT: Just a minute. 16 (Pause) 17 THE COURT: Now, go ahead, please. 18 MR. KENNEDY: Your Honor, 902(6) provides with 19 respect to authentication that newspapers can 20 self-authenticate. 101(b) was amended in 2011 to indicate 21 that electronic versions of newspapers can be admitted. 22 The courts have split on this. Some have said it's 23 required that you have an affidavit in addition to the 24 electronic version. However, the majority of the 25 jurisdictions have looked back to 101(b) and said we can

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1 look at the electronic version of a newspaper and if it has 2 the indicia of reliability, the indicia of authentication, 3 it can be admitted. 4 They look to four things. One, is there a logo? 5 have a logo. Is there a website stated? We have a website. Is there a date? We have a date. And is there a page 6 7 number? And we don't. We have three of four of the indicia of authentication, Your Honor. 8 9 Pursuant to that, 801 --10 THE COURT: Well, it gets you around the 11 authentication problem, but what about the hearsay and --12 MR. KENNEDY: Hearsay, 801 --13 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. 14 MR. KENNEDY: Oh, I'm sorry. 15 Well, hearsay on two points, Your Honor. Basically, 16 the 801(d)(2)(D), we are offering against the adversary in 17 the case. We think we have authentication, Your Honor, plus 18 an exception to the hearsay rule. 19 MR. NICHOLAS: Well --20 THE COURT: Well, the fact that you're offering it 21 against an adversary in the case doesn't make a newspaper 22 article admissible, does it? 23 MR. KENNEDY: Under these circumstances, Your 24 Honor, it is -- it is certainly notice that one of the folks 25 that they're filling scripts for in 2011 -- in 2005, his

1 privileges with the Worker's Compensation Board had been 2 terminated for writing opioids prescriptions without --3 THE COURT: If showing he had notice of this. 4 Mr. Nicholas? 5 MR. NICHOLAS: He doesn't have notice of this. 6 an aside, we're not filling scripts for anyone, so I want to 7 correct that misstatement on the record. But, more fundamentally, he was asked if he knew 8 9 anything about Mr. Webb. He said no. He knows nothing 10 about him. So, this is just -- I don't know what -- I don't 11 know what to call this, but this should not come in. 12 THE COURT: I'm going to sustain the objection, 13 Mr. Kennedy. You can move on. 14 MR. KENNEDY: Your Honor, we would like to offer 15 this into evidence and then we wouldn't question this 16 witness, but we would like to proffer then P-26160 into 17 evidence, Your Honor. 18 MR. NICHOLAS: We object. 19 MR. HESTER: Objection on hearsay grounds, Your 20 Honor. 21 MR. RUBY: Us, as well, Your Honor. 22 MR. ACKERMAN: You know, I would only note that 23 the witness has already testified and agreed with the 24 characterization that he was ABDC's eyes and ears on the 25 ground. So, to the extent there was a report in a West

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       Virginia periodical, it is indicia of whether ABDC's eyes
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       and ears on the ground could have had notice.
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                 THE COURT: Mr. Hester?
                 MR. HESTER: Well, Your Honor, I don't think that
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       overcomes the hearsay problem with the newspaper article.
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                 THE COURT: Yeah. I've ruled on this. It's out.
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       The objection is sustained.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: And, Your Honor, we have a -- Dr.
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       Fisher also at this point in time had issues and problems
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       with the Osteopathic Board with respect to opioids and I'm
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       assuming -- and it's a newspaper article, also. So, if you
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       have an objection to that, we can get a ruling. I would
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       like to make a proffer.
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: Yes. I'm going to object to that,
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       of course. Same -- same objection.
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                 THE COURT: Well, you can ask him about Dr. Fisher
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       and see if he knows anything, Mr. Kennedy.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: You're right. I'm sorry.
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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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            Sir, do you know anything about Dr. Fisher and his
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       issues and problems with the Osteopathic Board in West
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       Virginia?
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       A. I did not.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: And, Your Honor, we would offer
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       P-26161 into evidence. One, we already argued why we
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       believe that it's self-authenticating and, number two --
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                 THE COURT: I haven't seen it. Is it another
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       newspaper article?
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Yes, sir.
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                 THE COURT: The objection is sustained.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: We would proffer into evidence
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       P-26161, Your Honor.
                 THE COURT: Okay. You want to -- you want to put
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       it into evidence, but proffer what it is?
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Yeah.
                 THE COURT: I mean, it's not admitted into
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       evidence, but you want it in the record as a proffer; is
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       that --
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Yes, Your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: That's okay, isn't it, Mr. Nicholas?
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: He can proffer it as long as it's
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       not in evidence.
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                 THE COURT: That's right. Well, he's making a
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       record in case I made the wrong ruling here and he's
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       entitled to do that.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Your Honor, it should be -- give
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       exhibits to everybody?
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                 THE COURT: Yeah. Just -- just have it identified
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       some way. Is it marked as an exhibit?
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Yes. It's marked as an exhibit,
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1 yes. 2 THE COURT: Okay. 3 MR. KENNEDY: And we are proffering P-26161. 4 THE COURT: All right. And that vouches the 5 record, but I have sustained the objection and its admission 6 into the record. 7 MR. HESTER: Could we have a copy of it, please? MR. KENNEDY: We are still on Exhibit 16651. 8 9 BY MR. KENNEDY: 10 Sir, the reason you were providing the names of these physicians was because of a request for a threshold review 11 and an increase, true, if you want to look at that full 12 exhibit? 13 14 A. That is correct. 15 And if you look to Page 3 of the exhibit, that is the 16 Request For Threshold Review, true? 17 Α. That is correct. 18 And you are the account manager that's stated, Michael 19 G. Perry? 20 That's correct. 21 And the drug family being reviewed and the request is 22 for oxycodone? 23 Α. That's correct. 24 And go down to Reason For Threshold Review. Do you see 25 that?

A. Yes.

- 2 Q. Does it state in bold, "Note: Exceeding the
- 3 established threshold does not in itself justify a threshold
- 4 | increase in all cases?" That's printed right on the form,
- 5 | correct?
- 6 A. That's what it says.
- 7 Q. And go down where you say, "Ed", and you stated, "This
- 8 customer has had issues with exceeding the thresholds on
- 9 these items." And, sir, is that the same as they stated
- 10 | right above in bold with "not in and of itself justify a
- 11 threshold increase"?
- 12 A. One more time. I'm sorry.
- 13 Q. Do you see, sir, where it says, "Note: Exceeding the
- 14 | threshold -- exceeding the established threshold does not in
- 15 | itself justify a threshold increase." That's printed on the
- 16 form, correct?
- 17 A. That's correct.
- 18 Q. And then below, you give the reason for this increase.
- 19 "The customer has had issues with them exceeding the
- 20 thresholds." Do you see that? Was that your statement for
- 21 the reason?
- 22 **A.** I let them know that, yes, the customer has had issues
- 23 before.
- 24 Q. Did you provide any reason for the increase in the
- 25 threshold in 2011 to SafeScript?

1 I can't remember if I did or did not. 2 Is there any reason stated on this Threshold Increase 3 Form? 4 I don't see one. 5 Sir, you understand that with that one sentence, 6 "SafeScript's threshold for oxycodone in 2011 was 7 increased"? 8 MR. NICHOLAS: Objection, lack of foundation, and 9 if we're going to keep referring to the one sentence, I 10 would like to -- I would like to ask the Court to ask Mr. 11 Kennedy to read the second sentence --12 BY MR. KENNEDY: "Please" --13 Q. 14

MR. NICHOLAS: And the third sentence.

BY MR. KENNEDY:

"Please review and see if we can up the threshold on these items. Please see the additional information in this e-mail." And the additional information was the name of three doctors, two of which were Dr. Webb and Dr. Fisher, correct?

That's correct.

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Q. And did you anticipate that they were going to look into Dr. Fisher and Dr. Webb before they increased the threshold, sir?

MR. NICHOLAS: Objection. Go ahead. Sorry. I

1 withdraw it. 2 THE WITNESS: I don't know what they would do with 3 that information. 4 BY MR. KENNEDY: 5 But you asked them to see it before they ruled on the 6 threshold, correct? 7 I asked them to see my e-mail. 8 Which contained the three physicians, true? Q. 9 That's correct. 10 Did you know that Dr. Webb was a psychiatrist? 11 I did not. Α. 12 MR. NICHOLAS: We're -- objection. We're at the 13

stage here now where he's being asked about something which he's already said he knows nothing about.

THE COURT: Sustained.

MR. KENNEDY: 16642, we passed around. It was the first thing we passed around already. We're going to go back to that.

19 BY MR. KENNEDY:

- Mr. Perry, I think you already have this. This is the first thing that we looked at.
- 22 **A.** 16642?

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23 Yes, sir, 16642. If I had another copy, I would give 24 it to you. It's the first one we looked at of all the 25 exhibits.

1 Here's another copy. 2 MR. KENNEDY: May I approach, Your Honor? 3 THE COURT: Yes. 4 BY MR. KENNEDY: 5 Q. Sir, I have another copy. Here's the first one. 6 Thank you. 7 And, sir, we looked at this in the beginning. This is 8 Ed Hazewski's response with respect to the threshold 9 increase. Do you see that August 12th e-mail to you? 10 Α. Yes. 11 And does he state, "The customer has been adjusted and 12 is now set at the maximum they can receive of this product. 13 Their CS ratio is 86% of their overall purchases"? That 14 means that SafeScript, as late as 2011, can now purchase 15 even more oxycodone, correct? That's what that decision 16 means, correct? 17 It doesn't specifically say they can order more of that 18 specific item. 19 So, you asked for an increase and they say it's been 20 adjusted. Does that mean the threshold has been adjusted up 21 as you requested? 22 Yes. Α. 23 And, sir, at the time in 2011 that this decision was 24 made by Regulatory Affairs, we know the controlled substance

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ratio is high, correct?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. They know that more than one distributor is being used,

3 | correct?

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A. I'm assuming.

Q. They know the reason the change from you folks over to

6 Miami-Luken for a period, correct?

7 MR. NICHOLAS: Your Honor, I'll object at this

8 | point. I'm not sure that, with regard to the time period,

9 that this is accurate and we've gone through this chart

three times. So, I'm not sure what the purpose is either.

BY MR. KENNEDY: And, Your Honor, if I might

12 respond. I've spent two hours documenting every one of

these items from Mr. Perry to Regulatory Affairs. It

14 started with the 2008 e-mail by Mr. Perry --

THE COURT: Well, I will overrule the objection

and let you do it. Go ahead.

BY MR. KENNEDY:

18 Q. Sir, at this point in time, you can assume that the

19 | hydro was over 5,000, so an explanation is required,

20 | correct, if it's over 5,000?

A. If it's over, I quess, yes.

22 Q. And if the oxycodone is over 6,000, an explanation as

23 to why they want to buy that level is required, correct?

A. Correct.

Q. And we know that they are filling prescriptions for

1 pain clinics, true?

- 2 **A.** Yes.
- 3 Q. And the threshold of this information known is
- 4 increased so they can buy even more oxycodone, true?
- 5 A. I'm assuming so.
- 6 Q. Sir, SafeScript was closed in February of 2012. You
- 7 | are aware of that?
- 8 **A.** Yes.
- 9 Q. I think you actually reported to AmerisourceBergen that
- 10 the owner of SafeScript had been pulled over and detained by
- 11 | the police, true?
- 12 A. That's correct.
- 13 Q. You called that in?
- 14 A. That's correct.
- 15 Q. And the DEA raided SafeScript, did they not?
- 16 A. That's what I understand.
- 17 Q. And at that point in time, AmerisourceBergen decided
- 18 | they weren't going to sell anymore to SafeScript?
- 19 A. I believe we did cut them off.
- 20 | Q. The day before you cut them off, you were still selling
- 21 them a lot of oxycodone, correct?
- 22 A. How much we were selling them at that time, I have no
- 23 idea.
- 24 Q. Let's switch gears for a second. You interacted with
- 25 sales folks around your district, sales folks at national

1 meetings?

- 2 **A.** Yes.
- 3 Q. And you interacted with your boss and the VP of Sales,
- 4 Lisa Mash?
- 5 **A.** Yes.
- 6 Q. And, sir, was it your impression or your belief that
- 7 AmerisourceBergen applied the Diversion Control Program
- 8 equally across all of your customers, big and small?
- 9 **A.** Yes.
- 10 Q. Sir, what is the -- tell me, what was the monthly
- 11 volume of some of your bigger customers?
- 12 A. I mean, it would vary. When you say big customer --
- 13 | Q. What was a big customer, \$100,000.00 a month,
- 14 | \$200,000.00? Do you have customers like that?
- 15 A. I mean, personally?
- 16 **Q.** Yes, sir.
- 17 A. Every customer is a big customer.
- 18 Q. Okay. And just a plain dollar amount, sir, would a
- customer under \$50,000.00 be one of your smaller customers
- 20 | if we just look at it as monthly dollar value?
- 21 A. Again, I mean, I can't judge who was a big customer,
- 22 who was a -- who was a small customer. Your sales are going
- 23 to vary depending upon a lot of things in the industry.
- 24 Q. If I told you that your monthly with SafeScript was
- \$190,000.00, would that fit into your memory?

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            If I told you that Safe Cloud [sic] was a $3.7 million
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       dollar annual customer, would that be consistent with your
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           Okay. You're going to have to come back and say that
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       all again because --
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            If I told you that McCloud was a $3.7 million dollar
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       annual customer at one point, would that be consistent with
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       your memory of McCloud?
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: Your Honor, could we -- may I
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       object to ask that the question be clarified as to whether
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       we're talking about all products?
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Yes, sir.
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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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            I'm talking about your total sales.
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            Yeah. That's -- that's a large account.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: If I can have P-00193, please.
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       P-14622.
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            May I approach, Your Honor?
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                 THE COURT: Yes.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Thank you.
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            And, Your Honor, this is a series of e-mails amongst
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       employees at AmerisourceBergen. We would like to offer
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1 Exhibit 41622 into evidence pursuant to 801(B)(2)(D), 2 statements of a party employee offered against the adverse 3 party. 4 THE COURT: Is there any objection to 41622? 5 MR. NICHOLAS: No objection. 6 THE COURT: Admitted. 7 PLAINTIFF EXHIBIT 41622 ADMITTED 8 MR. KENNEDY: I'm sorry. 9 BY MR. KENNEDY: 10 And, Mr. Elkins [sic], if you could start it at the top 11 e-mail, if you would, please. Do you see your name there, 12 Mr. Elkins [sic]? Your boss is sending an e-mail to you. 13 Do you see that? 14 My name is not Mr. Elkins. 15 I'm sorry. Mr. Elkins is sending an e-mail to you, 16 Michael Perry, do you see that, the top e-mail? 17 He sent that e-mail to me along with several other 18 people, yes. 19 And what he is doing, he is attaching the e-mail below 20 when he sends you the e-mail, true? 21 Α. Yes. 22 Q. And if we can go to the e-mail below, the e-mail below 23 says, "Team: Since the end of summer, our sales team 24 undertook an endeavor to review all accounts with less than 25 \$50,000.00 a month in volume. In addition, and

1 independently, for any such accounts that were purchasing a

2 high percentage of controlled substances in relation to

their overall TRV", which would be total sales, correct,

4 sir?

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- A. Yes.
- Q. "With respect to those \$50,000.00 a month customers,
- 7 you were directed to have frank conversations reiterating
- 8 the importance of Diversion Control and that any red flags
- 9 caused by their purchasing patterns put them at risk of
- 10 having controlled substance purchases suspended or limited
- 11 by AmerisourceBergen." Do you see that, sir?
- 12 **A.** Yes.
- 13 Q. So, sir, you were told to have frank conversations with
- all of your accounts under \$50,000.00, true?
- 15 A. That's correct.
- 16 Q. Frank conversations about red flags and a warning that
- 17 you would reduce the controlled substance shipments or cut
- 18 | them off, true?
- 19 A. That's correct.
- 20 Q. You didn't have these conversations, at least under
- 21 | this program, with any customer over \$50,000.00, true?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. Now, sir, over the years, I think you told us you --
- 24 | you interacted with Regulatory Affairs, correct?
- 25 A. That's correct.

1 You certainly interacted with sales folks up to the 2 Vice President, Lisa Mash, true? 3 Α. That's correct. 4 My question is, from your observations 24 years at the 5 company, sir, do you believe that AmerisourceBergen had the 6 same commitment to Diversion Control as they did to selling 7 products? 8 I do. 9 MR. KENNEDY: If you can give me P-17140. 10 If I can approach, Your Honor? 11 THE COURT: Yes. MR. KENNEDY: Your Honor, this has already been 12 13 admitted into evidence, P-17140. 14 BY MR. KENNEDY: 15 Sir, if you go down to number seven, do you see McCloud 16 Family Pharmacy that was your customer? 17 Α. That's correct. 18 And Drug Emporium was your customer? 19 That's correct. Α. 20 And, sir, do you see that in looking for the due 21 diligence files, they looked to Iron Mountain. That's an 22 off-source facility, storage facility, correct? 23 MR. NICHOLAS: Your Honor, I will interpose an 24 objection at this time. The document that's been placed in 25 front of the -- with regard to the document placed in front

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       of Mr. Perry, there's no -- there's nothing on it to -- that
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       -- to suggest that Mr. Perry has ever seen the document.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: And, Your Honor, it's about two of
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       his clients and about the 580 Form that he was responsible
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                 THE COURT: Well, you can ask him if he -- if he
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       has any familiarity with it. Otherwise, I'll sustain the
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       objection.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Your Honor, we would like to offer
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       into evidence P-17140 as -- under 801(d)(2)(D).
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: I think it's already admitted into
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       evidence. That's not the issue.
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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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            Sir, let me just back away. I'm going to ask you to
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       assume some facts. I want you to assume, sir, that the DEA
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       did an inspection of a Columbus facility in 2015 and they
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       asked for the due diligence documents on two of your
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       customers, McCloud and Drug Emporium.
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            And I want you to assume, sir, that Regulatory Affairs,
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       in looking for those due diligence files in those two
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       pharmacies, looked to Iron Mountain, an off-site storage
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       facility, then looked through Microfiche to find those
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       documents. I want you to assume that. All right?
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: I'll object before we go on.
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       assumptions and I'm not sure that this has any value. So,
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                 THE COURT: Well, I'll let him ask the question
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       my assumption --
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            (Unintelligible cross-talk)
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                 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. I --
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                 MR. KENNEDY: I'm sorry.
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                 COURT REPORTER: I didn't hear the end of that,
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       Judge.
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                 THE COURT: I said overruled at this point.
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                 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: And I -- you can assume, sir, that
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       my assumptions are based upon P-17140 that's been admitted
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       into evidence. And I will move on.
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: I will object to that comment, but
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       go on.
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                 THE COURT: Well, I'll sustain the objection to
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       the editorial comment.
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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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       Q. Sir, let's look at the tools you had available to you
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       to sell products. All right? First of all, do you have a
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       website available to you called The Hub?
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- 1 Q. And tell us what's in The Hub.
- 2 A. It's going to take all day.
- 3 Q. There's a lot of information about --
- 4 A. There is a lot of information in The Hub.
- 5 Q. About each individual customer, true?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. You can look into The Hub and find basically up to the
- 8 date what you have sold or what that customer has purchased,
- 9 true?
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 Q. And you can actually even look historically back and
- see where they were with respect to these different product
- categories a year before?
- 14 A. Not product-specific.
- 15 **Q.** No, category-specific?
- 16 A. I don't believe it's category-specific either.
- 17 Q. Tell us what else is in there.
- 18 A. I mean, there is information in there on all our
- 19 programs and services, our reporting tools, communications
- 20 | with interior sections of our corporation, just -- I mean,
- 21 just a plethora of information on ABC and who we are, what
- 22 | we have to offer.
- 23 Q. And some of the information is customer-specific, true?
- 24 A. That's correct.
- 25 Q. So, you could look up SafeScript and get a whole ton of

1 information that helps you sell to SafeScript, true?

A. Not necessarily.

- 3 Q. What about McCloud, specific information about McCloud?
- 4 MR. NICHOLAS: Your Honor, could I object and ask
- 5 for some time period here?
- THE COURT: Yeah.
- 7 BY MR. KENNEDY:
- 8 Q. The Hub was in existence for what period of time, sir?
- 9 A. I don't recall when we started using The Hub.
- 10 Q. Prior to The Hub, what was this -- this database
- 11 | called; do you remember?
- 12 A. I don't remember that either.
- 13 Q. The information in The Hub, sir, updated every other
- 14 day; is that true?
- 15 A. If it refreshed, yes.
- 16 Q. You also had available to you a website called Xactly,
- 17 true?
- 18 **A.** Yes.
- 19 \mathbf{Q} . And for what period of time did you have the website
- 20 Xactly?
- 21 A. That, I don't recall.
- 22 **Q.** At least five years?
- A. Maybe.
- 24 Q. And let me -- with respect to The Hub, did you even
- 25 have a Hub coach? You had somebody that actually would

1 | coach you on how to use Hub and how to navigate through it

- 2 to get information?
- 3 A. There was -- there was other people that, you know, if
- 4 we were having issues that we could go to and they might be
- 5 able to help us through something.
- 6 Q. And what information then does this other website
- 7 provide to you, Xactly?
- 8 A. What other website are you talking about?
- 9 Q. Xactly, X-a-c-t-l-y, are you familiar with that?
- 10 A. Yeah. I can't remember, no pun here, exactly what.
- 11 | Exactly. Yeah. I really can't recall. I mean, you would
- have to refresh my mind, someone would, what Xactly did.
- 13 Q. Xactly would give you information about your sales and
- 14 | how close you were to meeting some of your targets, correct?
- 15 **A.** Okay. Okay.
- 16 Q. You also -- and that was just on-line. You get that on
- 17 your computer, true?
- 18 A. That's correct.
- 19 Q. And you would get The Hub right on your computer, too,
- 20 correct?
- 21 A. That's correct.
- 22 Q. So, you could get onto The Hub from your house, when
- 23 you were on a sales call, on vacation, correct?
- 24 A. That's correct.
- 25 **Q.** And the same with this website, Xactly, which provided

1 you additional information on sales to date, correct?

A. Correct.

- 3 Q. You also got a Leakage Report. Can you tell us what
- 4 | the Leakage Report is, sir?
- 5 A. The Leakage Report you use for a lot of things. You
- 6 know, if -- if we're a vendor for an account and they're
- 7 having issues with regards to ordering product, we want to
- 8 know what that product is. And we'd like to know why it's
- 9 being leaked, why we're not capturing that as one of our
- 10 | sales.
- 11 Q. And you get that with respect to each individual
- 12 customer, also, do you not?
- 13 **A.** Yes.
- 14 Q. And I looked at the report, sir. There's PRX Sales,
- 15 CMRX Sales, total RX sales. There's a lot of information in
- 16 the Leakage Report, also, true?
- 17 **A.** There's a lot of -- yes.
- 18 Q. And you pull that right up on your computer, also?
- 19 A. From time to time, yes.
- 20 Q. You can get that in minutes, true?
- 21 A. From time to time, yes.
- 22 Q. So, sir, let me ask you, for you to access information
- 23 to help you sell products, did you ever have to go to an
- off-site storage facility?
- 25 **A.** No.

1 Q. Did you ever have to leaf through Microfiche to get

- 2 information to sell your products?
- 3 **A.** No.
- 4 Q. Did you ever have to wait five days to get the
- 5 information or is it updated every few days?
- 6 A. I don't recall how often it's updated.
- 7 Q. And when you looked for information, sir, was your
- 8 information with respect to the sales to a particular
- 9 customer every -- over five years old?
- 10 **A.** Can you say that again?
- 11 Q. Was the information on the sales to your customer over
- 12 five years old?
- 13 A. I certainly would hope not.
- 14 Q. You wouldn't want to do that with respect to selling
- 15 products, would you, sir?
- 16 **A.** No.
- 17 Q. Sir, the 590 we've talked so much about, there was a
- 18 | problem, was there not, as late as 2017 with your customers
- 19 | having updated, or having any 590 at all, was there not?
- 20 **A.** With my -- all my customers?
- 21 Q. No, sir. There was a problem with AmerisourceBergen,
- 22 including your customers, with respect to having 590 Forms
- in their files, was there not?
- 24 A. There was an initiative that the company took around
- 25 that time for 590s.

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            You understand, sir, that over 90% of the customers
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       being sold controlled substances had no 590 or had an
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       outdated 590? Were you aware of that, sir?
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: Objection, lack of foundation.
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                 THE COURT: Well, if he knows.
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                 THE WITNESS: I do not know that.
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       responsibility.
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       place, would it not, ten years later?
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: Objection, lack of foundation.
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                 THE COURT: Well, if he knows.
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                 THE WITNESS: I do not.
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                 THE COURT: Doesn't know.
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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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                 BY MR. KENNEDY:
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       established that this morning, did we not?
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: I'll object to that question
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       belatedly as lacking foundation and inaccurate.
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                 THE COURT: I'll sustain that objection.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: If you can give me 41623, please.
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            If I can approach, Your Honor?
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                 THE COURT: Yes.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Sometimes I can't see you nod.
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       Without my glasses, I can read, but I can't see.
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                 THE COURT: I have the same problem, Mr. Kennedy,
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       sometimes.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Your Honor, we would offer P-41623
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       into evidence pursuant to 801(d)(2)(D). This is the
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       statements by employees against an adverse party.
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                 THE COURT: Is there any objection?
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: Yes. I certainly object to the use
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       of this document with Mr. Perry.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Mr. Perry is on the e-mail, Your
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       Honor. He received this document.
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                 MR. HESTER: Your Honor, it's not clear what is
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       being introduced. Is it simply the e-mail or there's also
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       -- we've been handed a printout that includes pharmacies
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       from all over the country. It's not clear whether the --
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       counsel is moving to --
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Just the e-mail. Just the e-mail,
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       Your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: So, all you're offering is an e-mail;
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       is that right?
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Yes, Your Honor. Mr. Perry is on
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       the e-mail.
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                 MR. MAHADY: Your Honor, if we're just doing the
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       e-mail at this time, I think that's okay to the extent Mr.
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       Perry knows about it. To the extent we move beyond this
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       e-mail, we would like the opportunity to stand back up and
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       object because --
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                 THE COURT: Okay.
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                 MR. MAHADY: -- this issue generally raises a
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       number of objections, including geographic scope.
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                 THE COURT: All right. I'll admit it and you can
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       renew, I guess, but it is admitted at this point.
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            And you're offering it under what rule, Mr. Ackerman?
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                 MR. ACKERMAN: Mr. Kennedy offered it, Your Honor,
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       but it is that one that we've been talking about for awhile,
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       801(d), as in Delta, 2(d), as in Delta.
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                 THE COURT: 801(d) --
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                 MR. KENNEDY: 2(d), (d)(2)(D).
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1 THE COURT: Okay. And I'm so used to hearing from 2 you, Mr. Ackerman, I just assumed that was you. 3 All right. It's admitted. 4 PLAINTIFF EXHIBIT P-41623 ADMITTED 5 THE COURT: Go ahead. 6 MR. KENNEDY: Thank you, Your Honor. 7 BY MR. KENNEDY: 8 So, Mr. Perry, you see there's an e-mail up at the top 9 from Doug Ernsberger and you are included in his 10 transmission. Do you see that? 11 Yes. Α. 12 And you see the attachment CSR Form 590, December 2016 13 document. Do you see that? 14 Α. Yes. 15 And then, he is forwarding you an e-mail that had been 16 sent to him, true? 17 That's correct. 18 If you go down to that lower e-mail and the subject is 19 the 590 Validation Project. Do you remember that, too, sir? 20 Α. Yes. 21 It states, "Hi, all. Please cascade this down to all 22 Sales Executives. We have been asked by CSRA Diversion 23 Control Team to assist them with the collection of updated 24 documentation for a substantial number of customers." 25 MR. KENNEDY: And underline "substantial number of

1 customers", please.

BY MR. KENNEDY:

Q. The next sentence, "The collection of information will include filling out a new CSRA Form 590, attached, and pictures of the location. This project will span over the next six months with a goal of completing by June 30, 2017.

Background for project. Over the past several months, the CSRA Diversion Control Team, DCT, has been working on the CSRA 590 Validation Project. This project was initiated to validate that all current ABDC customers authorized to purchase controlled substances have the required due diligence in file." It says "required due diligence".

Next sentence, "The first phase of this project was to conduct a full review of every ABDC customer authorized to purchase controlled substances and identify any with deficiencies. This initial phase has been completed and a substantial number of customers have been identified who will require [sic] to have their 590 documentation updated."

Do you see that, sir?

A. Yes.

MR. MAHADY: Your Honor, I am going to object at this time. This is well beyond Cabell County and the City of Huntington and the customers that Mr. Perry serviced at that time in 2017. So, we object on relevancy grounds.

We think that to, the extent they have questions about

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this project, it should be limited to whether or not any of Mr. Perry's customers in Cabell County or the City of Huntington were implicated in 2017. Anything beyond that is outside the geographic scope of this case. THE COURT: Well, can you limit it to Cabell County, Mr. Kennedy? MR. KENNEDY: No, Your Honor. Look, Your Honor, we -- first, I believe this has already been admitted, number one. Number two, Your Honor, this -- we heard testimony from Mr. May, Mr. Mays, and Mr. Zimmerman. This goes to state of mind. Number one, Your Honor, they testified that they believed that they were compliant with the law at all times. That's based upon conversations with the DEA. They -- all three of AmerisourceBergen witnesses to date have testified that they were dedicated to compliance and dedicated to their Diversion Control Program. We have evidence here, Your Honor, that a substantial number of pharmacies outside of Cabell County, Your Honor, would not -- did not have the required due diligence in their files. We believe this goes to state of mind under 801 as an exception to the hearsay rule. On (d)(2)(D), it's an exception to the hearsay rule. In fact, it's not even

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hearsay under those two rules.

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It goes to state of mind, Your Honor. The very fact Mr. Perry had 14 customers included here. The fact that they're not Cabell County customers, Your Honor, we believe does not keep this from coming in. This goes to defendants' state of mind and their repeated statements of how dedicated they were to due diligence and it's missing in a substantial number of pharmacies who they are selling controlled substances to. MR. MAHADY: Your Honor, if I may --MR. KENNEDY: It goes to state of mind, Your This is not a pharmacy outside of Cabell County, Your Honor. This is a national program and they --THE COURT: I understand the point. Let me --MR. MAHADY: Well, first, I disagree with the characterization that this contradicts any of the testimony of Mr. May, Zimmerman or Mays. I also note that, as Mr. Kennedy just testified [sic], they were just here testifying. This very clearly states that this was an initiative by the CSRA Diversion Control Those were the witnesses where this should have been raised. As it relates to Mr. Perry, Mr. Kennedy also stated that this relates to customers outside of Cabell County. That's because it does not relate to customers in Cabell County.

1 So, again, for the reasons that we've said about how 2 this is not the right witness, along with the fact that 3 there is a geographic scope issue, we object. 4 Mr. Nicholas may have something to add. 5 THE COURT: Well, I'm going to overrule the 6 objection and let him pursue it. I think it does go to the 7 -- the state of mind and whether they were sincere about 8 their Diversion Control and so forth and -- but if Mr. Perry 9 doesn't know anything about it, then you've got a problem. 10 MR. KENNEDY: Yes, sir. Thank you, Your Honor. 11 THE COURT: Go ahead for now. 12 BY MR. KENNEDY: 13 Let me finish, Mr. Perry. Just going to read two 14 sentences. "Next steps, due to the high number of customers 15 that will need validation, we have broken the list into two 16 groups of CPA customers and non-CPA. The first group we 17 will address is the CPA group. 18 Beginning January 11, Sales Executives" -- and that is 19 you, correct? 20 That's correct. Α. 21 And you remember this program, correct? 22 Α. Yes. 23 "Beginning January 11, Sales Executives will complete the validation paperwork, CSRA Form 590 and pictures, for 24 25 the CPA accounts in their assignments."

MR. KENNEDY: Go down to the note, please, and I'm finished.

BY MR. KENNEDY:

- Q. Do you see the note? Did they tell you, Mr. Perry, with respect to this project and you going out and collecting required due diligence, did they tell you in this note, "This documentation project should be done within the normal scope of your routing"? That's sales calls, correct?
- A. That's correct.

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- Q. Do they tell you, sir, "The priority is still the financial performance of your assignment"? And that would be your territory, sir, correct?
- 13 A. That's correct.
 - Q. So, sir, they are missing the required due diligence in a substantial number of customers that they are selling controlled substances to and they tell you that the priority is your financial performance in collecting these documents, correct?
 - A. That's correct.
 - Q. And, sir, can you tell the Court, how long did this project last? How long were you out there collecting the required due diligence for the customers that you were already selling controlled substances to?
- 24 A. I have no idea how long it actually lasted.
 - Q. It lasted over a year, didn't it?

1 MR. NICHOLAS: Objection. He just said he didn't 2 know how long it lasted. 3 THE COURT: Sustained. 4 BY MR. KENNEDY: 5 Sir, let me ask you, during this period of time, did 6 anyone from AmerisourceBergen come to you -- and you can 7 assume you had 14 customers on this list. Did anybody from 8 AmerisourceBergen ever come to you and say, "Until we 9 collect the required due diligence, we're not going to sell 10 controlled substances to your customers"? 11 MR. NICHOLAS: Objection to -- object to the lack 12 of foundation. I don't think it's been established that --13 whether or not this witness had 14 customers in 2017, 14 independent pharmacies in 2017. I object. 14 15 MR. KENNEDY: Your Honor, if I may, I asked him to 16 assume that and that is the next document where he has 14 17 customers, Your Honor. 18 THE COURT: Overruled. 19 Answer it if you can, Mr. Perry. 20 BY MR. KENNEDY: 21 Did anybody come to you, sir, and say, "We're going to 22 stop selling until we get due diligence"? 23 Α. No. 24 Did anybody come to you during this period where you 25 were attempting to collect this due diligence and say,

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       we've got -- the court reporter needs a break, Mr. Kennedy.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Thank you, Your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: Mr. Perry, you can resume the
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       witness stand, sir.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Your Honor, I have no further
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       questions of Mr. Perry. If you want me to wait, I can --
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                 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Kennedy.
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            Are you ready to cross-examine?
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: He wanted to do something. He
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       wanted to introduce -- I'm giving him the opportunity to do
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       something he wants to do first.
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                 THE COURT: All right.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Yes, Your Honor.
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: No objection to this one.
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                 THE COURT: All right. It's admitted.
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       that was the exemplar of the 590 that we utilized.
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: Well, I don't object except I think
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       since it refers to a specific customer and it has specific
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       customer information and that customer is in Tennessee, I
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       customer be blocked out and the information be blocked out.
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       questions were.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: Yes.
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                 THE COURT: Can you do it that way, Mr. Kennedy,
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       and still have it to do what you want it to do?
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                 MR. KENNEDY: I think we would like -- if there's
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       a way we can white-out the answers, but we would like to
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       have a 590 in evidence somewhere, Your Honor.
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: That's fine. As long as the
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       answers and the name of the customer are whited-out, that's
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       fine.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: We'll do that tonight.
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                 THE COURT: All right. I'll admit it subject to
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       making those inundations.
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                 MR. KENNEDY: And then 00193 which is on the
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1 stipulation, and that is the PowerPoint presentation of the 2 sales associate that we questioned on. 3 MR. NICHOLAS: No objection to that. 4 THE COURT: All right. That's admitted. 5 MR. KENNEDY: We are finished. Thank you, Your 6 Honor. 7 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Kennedy. 8 All right, Mr. Nicholas. 9 CROSS EXAMINATION 10 BY MR. NICHOLAS: 11 Good afternoon, Mr. Perry. 12 A. Good afternoon. 13 I'm going to start with a few background or cleanup, 14 cleanup questions I guess. One has to do with the products 15 that you sold to the pharmacies that were part of your, you 16 know, customer base. 17 You didn't just sell opioids to these, to these 18 pharmacies; is that right? 19 I mean, as a sales executive, our primary goal was to 20 go out and bring to the company customers. And we did that 21 in a number of ways. 22 Probably the most strengths that we had as a company 23 was our programs and services that we had to offer 24 customers. We had a very, very robust programs and services 25 program that kept customers and also kept our phones ringing

with regards to what we brought to the industry.

It wasn't just selling pharmaceuticals. It was all about who we were as a company and what we had to offer in order for our independents to actually keep their doors open.

Our programs and services were number one with regards to our sales force. Our Good Neighbor Pharmacy Program, top-notch. I think everybody in this room probably has seen or heard of Good Neighbor Pharmacy.

Today probably one of the biggest spotlights with regards to Good Neighbor Pharmacy was the fact that Good Neighbor Pharmacies led the way with regards to giving COVID shots in the State of West Virginia. Good Neighbor Pharmacy did a lot of things for a lot of customers. It wasn't just about selling pharmaceuticals.

One of the other programs that we had was our Elevate Program. And through our Elevate Program, it kept our customers tied to us because we were able to actually go out and negotiate better pricing for them with regards to their reimbursements.

We were able to go out, show the customers that we had something that every pharmacy -- no matter if you were with AmerisourceBergen or if you were with Cardinal or if you were with McKesson, you needed a third-party provider, and our Elevate Program did that.

1 Q. In terms of the actual products that you were selling,

2 in addition to controlled substances or narcotics, is it --

3 isn't it correct or is it correct that you sold the full

4 range of products that a pharmacy would, would carry, both

over-the-counter and behind-the-counter?

A. That's correct.

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- 7 Q. And, so, that would include products that include the
- 8 likes of blood pressure medication, chemotherapy,
- 9 chemotherapy medication, as well as things like Advil,
- 10 Tylenol, you know, things of that nature, the full range?
- 11 A. That's correct.
- 12 Q. Okay. A couple more background questions and then I'll
- ask you about your background.
- 14 From time to time, CSRA would ask you to obtain
- additional information from your customers; is that correct?
- 16 **A.** Yes.
- 17 Q. And they would ask you to send the information along to
- 18 | CSRA; is that correct?
- 19 A. That's correct.
- 20 Q. Did you always obtain the information that CSRA asked
- 21 you to obtain in a timely fashion and send it along?
- 22 **A.** Yes.
- 23 Q. Okay. And, finally, with regard to the Form 590, the
- 24 Form 590 is not the full range of due diligence that the
- company does; isn't that correct?

A. That's correct.

Q. And as far as the actual Form 590 is concerned, did you ever coach customers in filling out the Form 590 to try to evade or get around any due diligence obligations?

A. Never.

Q. Okay, all right. Let's, let's -- I'd like to have the opportunity for you to tell the Court a little bit more about yourself.

Can you tell the Court your educational background, please, up through college?

A. Sure. So, you know, 1 through 8 I attended

Transfiguration Catholic School in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

After leaving Transfiguration, going into high school,
I attended Mon Valley Catholic High School in Monongahela,
PA.

After leaving and graduating from Mon Valley Catholic,
I attended Cal State University. At that time, it was
California College. Now it is California State University
of Pennsylvania. I attended that school for two years. And
my ambition was to go into social work.

After two years at California State University, they started losing accreditation in social work. My ambition through social work was to work with juvenile delinquents.

Through some channels that I had in Huntington, West Virginia, I had an uncle that lived in Huntington. And I

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talked to him on various occasions and we talked about a lot of different things, what Huntington had to offer along with Marshall University.

With sticking with him -- and just to reference his name, his name was Francis Degidio.

COURT REPORTER: Could you spell that?

THE WITNESS: D-e-g-i-d-i-o.

And he not only was a citizen of West Virginia, a resident, Fran also -- I refer to him as Fran -- he owned four drug stores in the Huntington area by the name of Budget Discount Pharmacy.

So attending Marshall University, I decided to go to Marshall, come to Huntington, and pursue a career in State Police. I went into criminal justice law enforcement.

That's what I studied in school.

And, matter of fact, Paul, your father was actually one of my professors.

So through, through my schooling at Marshall and living in Huntington, talking with my uncle, we decided that it would probably be a good thing for me to make some money while going to school.

So I started working at Budget Discount Pharmacy. So working at Budget, going to school at Marshall, you know, I met a lot of people. I started to get very familiar with how a pharmacy operated, the ins and outs of a pharmacy, the

different things that need to take place in a pharmacy and so on.

And it started to, you know, started to make me think about do I really want to go into State Police and have the opportunity to be shot at or something, you know. So I, I started, you know, working there.

I got to know a lot of people that came into the drugstore as far as salespeople and I got to be friends with one. And I was approached my last semester at Marshall to take a position with a small company called Chapman Drug. So the last semester, I did go to work for Chapman Drug Company as a salesperson.

THE COURT: What year did you graduate from Marshall?

THE WITNESS: 1984. I graduated in '84, was going to school full-time, and working for Chapman Drug my last semester.

I fell in love with what I did. I fell in love with the people I worked with. And I fell in love with the independent pharmacies that I called on.

For 35 years I called on independent pharmacies. I loved what I did. And to this day I, I just think independent pharmacy is awesome.

BY MR. NICHOLAS:

Q. Have you lived in Huntington, the City of

Huntington since you transferred there from Cal- -- from California State in --

A. From -- so when, when I left PA, I was living, of course, with my parents in Monongahela, PA, and I moved to Huntington in 1980. And I reside in Huntington. I've been there now for 41 years.

But one thing I want to say is I am not just a resident of Huntington, West Virginia. I'm a son of Marshall. I love Marshall University. I love what Huntington had to offer with regards to families, what was being offered on the, the side of, you know, the arts and so on in Huntington.

I was an active member and still am an active member as a citizen in Huntington. I sit on the parish council of my Catholic church. I sit on the finance council of my Catholic church. I was a little league coach for several years in Huntington. And I was a vice president of that little league for several years in Huntington.

I also was a business owner in Huntington. I owned a Giovanni's Pizza in Huntington for several years with two other couples, Terry Houck and Sherry Houck, along with Jeff Rowe and Terry Rowe.

That in itself was a great experience because that really opened our eyes to who people really were in Huntington. We got to meet and know so many people. I

loved what I did, you know, as a salesperson, but we had a great opportunity to pursue other things and that's what we did.

We were fortunate one day that someone walked in our store and offered to buy it without it even being for sale. That store is still in existence today in Westmoreland.

- Q. So the pizza store, pizza shop; right?
- A. That's correct.

- Q. The pizza must have been pretty good.
- 10 A. I'd have to say it was the best.
 - Q. All right. Let's, let's fast forward you just a little bit to when you started working for AmerisourceBergen.

Do you recall when that was and how long have you been with AmerisourceBergen -- were you with AmerisourceBergen?

A. Yeah. So, you know, I started with Chapman Drug

Company. I was with Chapman Drug for basically -- I can't

remember if it was six years, eight years, whatever it was.

And Chapman was actually bought by Cardinal Health.

I worked out of the Ironton distribution center for Chapman Drug Company. And when they were purchased by Cardinal, of course, that warehouse was closed.

After, I believe it was four years with Cardinal Health, I was pursued to go to work for Bergen Brunswig Company. In '96, I believe it was, 1996 is when I started my career with Bergen Brunswig who then was purchased by

1 AmerisourceBergen.

- Q. And you were with that --
- 3 A. Amerisource.
- 4 Q. And you were with that company until last year; is that
- 5 right?

- 6 A. I was with that company and retired January 6th of
- 7 2020.
- 8 Q. Okay. I'd like to ask you some questions about what
- 9 you did as a sales executive for Amerisource,
- 10 AmerisourceBergen. Let me start with this. As a sales --
- in that job, how frequently did you visit your customers?
- 12 **A.** I tried to visit my customers on a very strict call
- 13 basis. I respected my customers. They were my customers.
- 14 And I always made sure that I tried to stay close to my
- 15 customers.
- So I had a pretty good call schedule. I would say
- 17 anywhere between -- at least once a month. Some customers
- were more than that because of geographics. There probably
- 19 | wasn't a store that I would drive by and not stop.
- I always liked to stop in and see my customers, see if
- 21 there was anything I could do for them, you know. And it
- wasn't a sales call that was set up. I was in the industry
- for a long time. People knew who I was. They knew how I
- operated. And people didn't expect me to call them for an
- appointment. If I wanted to go to a store, I went to a

- 1 store and they were open arms.
- 2 Q. So is it correct that you made visits that were
- 3 unannounced?
- 4 **A.** Yes.
- 5 Q. Okay. Just generally, what were your responsibilities
- 6 as a sales executive?
- 7 A. Well, as a sales executive, I mean, we carried a pretty
- 8 big bag. Our primary source -- you know, our primary
- 9 business practice was to maintain our current customer base
- and cold call other pharmacies to see if we might be able to
- 11 bring them to AmerisourceBergen.
- 12 Q. Was part of your role to collect due diligence
- information on new and existing customers?
- 14 **A.** Yes.
- 15 Q. And who -- we've already discussed the fact that you
- 16 | would collect the information and send it on to CSRA;
- 17 correct?
- 18 A. That's correct.
- 19 Q. Who made the decision as to whether the customer's due
- 20 diligence information checked out?
- 21 A. That was done by the CSRA team.
- 22 Q. Did CSRA train you on diversion?
- 23 **A.** Yes.
- 24 Q. All right. Were you trained every year?
- 25 **A.** Yes.

Q. Did you have to take a test every year?

A. Yes.

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- 3 Q. Were you trained on red flags?
- A. Occasionally we were. I mean, you know, we always

 wanted to know what red flags were. Part of the training

 was watching the video. It would tell us what, you know,

 type of things to look for, things such as, you know,

 strange cars in the parking lot, a lot of people gathering
- 9 at the door, you know, things of that nature.
- 10 Q. As far as red flags are concerned, was a red flag the
- 12 at the circumstances to determine whether something is a red

kind of thing where one size fits all or do you have to look

- 13 flag or it's not a red flag?
- 14 A. I think you really need to look at the whole ball of
- 15 wax. What might be a red flag for one store may not be a
- 16 red flag for another store.
- And I'll give you a pretty good, you know, example of
- 18 that. You know, there were several accounts that I would
- call on that if you were to go in the store, you might see a
- 20 security guard there. But that security guard there was
- 21 there for a purpose with regards to making sure that they
- 22 kept the store secure.
- Other stores you would walk into you would not see a
- security guard. I mean, there was just different, different
- 25 things.

1 Having worked in the industry basically since the time 2 you were in college, having been in and around drug stores, 3 pharmacies since those days, do you believe that you were able to recognize red flags when you saw them? 4 5 Α. Absolutely. 6 How did you look for red flags? 7 Well, my common practice was every drugstore that I 8 pulled up to, whether it was an existing customer or if it 9 was a cold call, I got into a pretty good habit to pull up 10 to that store and look around, look at my circumference, see 11 who's available, you know, where they're standing, what 12 they're doing, what activity is taking place, how many cars 13 might be sitting in the drive-through, how many cars might be sitting in the parking lot. And then that's when I would 14 15 get out of my car. 16 You know, I never, I never felt unsafe at any of my 17 stores, but it was just, it was just a practice that I did. 18 Would you make it a practice of meeting the pharmacist Q. 19 in charge at your, you know, at your stores? 20 Occasionally, yes. 21 THE COURT: Did you call directly on doctors at 22 all?

THE WITNESS: No doctors, sir.

BY MR. NICHOLAS:

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Q. Now, it's correct -- am I correct that the Order

1 | Monitoring System had thresholds identifying the amount

- 2 of product a customer could order of controlled
- 3 substances?
- 4 A. When you say thresholds --
- 5 Q. Thresholds.
- 6 A. I mean, every account -- you know, every account didn't
- 7 have the same threshold. It depended upon the mix of
- 8 product. It depended upon their buy side. So thresholds --
- 9 | if someone was to hit a threshold, that would be a red flag
- 10 for us to go back and say we need more information from this
- 11 customer because our system is saying that you're purchasing
- 12 too much of this or too much of that and we need to do a
- 13 review on your account.
- 14 Q. Now, you yourself didn't know the threshold amounts,
- 15 | did you?
- 16 **A.** No.
- 17 Q. Okay. Could customers ask to have their threshold
- 18 | amounts increased?
- 19 A. They could ask.
- 20 O. And who made the decision as to whether to increase a
- 21 threshold or not?
- 22 A. That would have been done by our CSRA side.
- Q. Now, we've, we've heard about SafeScript and we've
- heard about a couple of other pharmacies. So I'm going to
- 25 | actually ask you to -- I'm going to ask you about a couple

of the pharmacies that are located in Cabell County and the City of Huntington, just a few.

And I'd like to start with SafeScript Pharmacy #6.

Could you please describe for the Court what SafeScript

Pharmacy #6 looked like? Describe it physically for us,

please.

A. Yeah. I mean, back in the day when SafeScript was open, it was a free-standing store. It had windows on the front of the store, one on each side of the door, large windows. They had about four or five different parking spots to directly pull up to, to the actual store itself. And then they had curb parking there also. They did not have a drive-through.

You would walk into the store and -- you know, in pharmacy we, we have stores that are large with front ends, big retail accounts, and we have stores that we call apothecary stores.

An apothecary store -- if you call on an apothecary store, they don't do front end business, OTC brand products and so on. They're strictly pharmaceuticals. And SafeScript was basically an apothecary.

You know, when SafeScript first opened, they opened and they had no front end. You would walk in. You would give your script, and the script would come back to you after the process of filling the, the script and so on.

Further on down a couple of years they remodeled the store. They still did not have a front end. But they put in some bulletproof glass and they also put in like a turnstile type hand-through prescription label -- not label but prescription.

You know, there was a door on the right-hand side from the lobby into the pharmacy. I could recall every time that I was at the store -- and whether it was that store or any other store, my business practice was never to walk behind someone's pharmacy into their, into their pharmacy behind the counter.

Q. Why was that?

A. Out of respect for what was taking place in the pharmacy and out of respect for the information that is in that pharmacy for particular patients and so on. I would never walk behind someone's pharmacy. If, if asked to come in, that's when I would walk behind the counter and into the pharmacy.

So when I would go to SafeScript, you know, the girl at the window would always see me. She knew who I was. And I would wait and finally someone would come to the door and let me in the pharmacy.

The pharmacy was like any other, you know. They had a full line of pharmaceuticals on their shelves. They had techs. They had a pharmacist. They had their fax machine,

1 | their computers, you know. To me, it was normal practice.

- 2 Q. Was SafeScript #6 located in a nice area of Huntington
- 3 or a not so nice area?
- 4 A. I can't say it was a nice area or not a nice -- it, it,
- 5 | it was in an okay area. I'll just say that. There was --
- 6 | it wasn't, you know, in the area of the courthouse or the
- 7 | police station or, you know, that type of proximity, but
- 8 there were other businesses in that area.
- 9 Q. Was SafeScript licensed by the West Virginia Board of
- 10 Pharmacy?
- 11 **A.** Yes.
- 12 Q. Were they licensed by the DEA?
- 13 **A.** Yes.
- 14 Q. Does the fact that they were licensed mean anything to
- 15 you?
- 16 A. If they were licensed, that means that they could
- 17 distribute -- not distribute but they could dispense
- 18 pharmaceuticals.
- 19 Q. How long did AmerisourceBergen service SafeScript #6?
- 20 A. The exact number of years I can't recall, but it was
- 21 probably more than five.
- 22 Q. Now, you said that you called on your customers about
- once a month, is that correct, give or take?
- 24 **A.** Yes.
- 25 Q. So how frequently did you visit SafeScript #6 over the

1 years?

- 2 A. SafeScript was a little different. I mean, being that
- 3 I lived in Huntington and SafeScript was in Huntington, you
- 4 know, I would frequent that store quite often, maybe not
- 5 every week, but at least every other week. And these were
- 6 calls that -- you know, I would not call the store and say,
- 7 "Hey, I'm stopping by." I would stop most of the time
- 8 unannounced.
- 9 Q. You mentioned that SafeScript had a drive-up style
- 10 bank-style window. Was that a red flag in your view?
- 11 **A.** No.
- 12 Q. Did you think it was a red flag that SafeScript took,
- 13 took security precautions?
- 14 **A.** Yes.
- 15 **Q.** It was a red flag?
- 16 A. Oh, it wasn't a red flag that they took it for -- no,
- no, I want to retract that. It wasn't a red flag that they
- 18 | had a security, you know, drive, turnstile type window, no.
- 19 Q. Did you see lines of people waiting at SafeScript at
- 20 any time?
- 21 A. Never.
- 22 Q. Did you see people loitering outside ever?
- 23 A. Never.
- 24 Q. Did you see empty bottle pills in the parking lot ever?
- 25 A. Never.

Q. Did you see needles in the parking lot ever?

A. Never.

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- 3 Q. Did you witness customers paying in cash?
- 4 A. How a customer paid I have no idea.
- 5 Q. Did you see cars with out-of-state license plates?
- A. Well, if you say out-of-state, we're going to start
- 7 talking about the Tri-State area.
- 8 Q. Yeah. No, I'd like you to address that.
- 9 A. Huntington, of course, as most of the people in the
- 10 courtroom know, is in the Tri-State area of West Virginia,
- 11 Kentucky, and Ohio. So, obviously, you're going to have
- 12 out-of-state license plates.
- If I was to pull up to that store and see a license
- 14 | plate from Tennessee, a license plate from, let's say,
- Michigan, a license plate from Pennsylvania, that would
- 16 start throwing up red flags to me.
- 17 Q. But did you ever see that at SafeScript?
- 18 A. I never did.
- 19 Q. All right. Now, I asked you about sometimes meeting
- 20 | with -- or knowing the pharmacist in charge. Do you recall
- 21 | that Troy Whaley was the pharmacist in charge at SafeScript?
- 22 **A.** Yes.
- 23 Q. Did you know him a little bit?
- 24 A. I didn't personally know Troy. I knew Troy through
- other people that knew Troy. I would hear people, you know,

1 talk with regards to them calling on Troy from previous, you

- 2 know, pharmacies that he worked at and so on.
- 3 Q. Was he a licensed pharmacist?
- 4 **A.** Yes.
- 5 Q. Did you think he was a legitimate pharmacist?
- 6 **A.** Yes.
- 7 Q. In your visits to SafeScript, SafeScript #6, did you
- 8 ever see Mr. Whaley taking pills out of the pharmacy?
- 9 A. Never.
- 10 Q. Did you ever have any concern during the time that you
- 11 | serviced -- that you worked with SafeScript that Mr. Whaley,
- 12 the pharmacist in charge, was diverting drugs?
- 13 **A.** No.
- 14 Q. Now, was SafeScript -- was the situation at SafeScript
- 15 that the owner was different than the pharmacist in charge?
- 16 A. Yes. So the, the owner of SafeScript Pharmacy, Kent
- 17 Freeman, he was not a licensed pharmacist. I believe Kent
- owned a construction company. And that's not unusual that,
- 19 you know, you have an owner of a pharmacy that's not an
- 20 | actual pharmacist. I know several stores that operate or
- 21 that have owners of those stores that are not pharmacists.
- 22 **Q.** Did you ever meet Mr. Freeman?
- 23 **A.** Yes.
- 24 Q. Okay. Did you ever see him behind the counter --
- behind the pharmacy counter in the store?

1 A. Occasionally, you know, when I was there Kent may come

- 2 in. It's his store. He would be in the pharmacy.
- 3 Q. Did you ever witness Mr. Freeman taking pills out of
- 4 | the store?
- 5 **A.** No.
- 6 Q. Now, we've already heard in this case that there came a
- 7 point in time when -- in 2012 when Mr. Freeman was arrested.
- 8 How did you find out about that?
- 9 A. I can't remember if it was a phone call or if it was an
- 10 | email or if it was something that someone, you know, brought
- 11 to my attention. But when it was brought to my attention,
- one of the first things that I did and one of the
- responsibilities that I have is to report that back to our
- 14 | controlled substance side.
- 15 **Q.** And is that what you did?
- 16 **A.** Yes.
- 17 Q. And you did it right away?
- 18 **A.** Yes.
- 19 \mathbf{Q} . Do you remember whether you did it by phone or email or
- 20 | what?
- 21 A. I can't remember if it was by phone or by email. I'm
- 22 sure it's documented somewhere. But it was done, yes.
- 23 Q. Okay. I want to ask you about McCloud Family Pharmacy.
- 24 We've heard McCloud referenced in this case as well. What
- did that pharmacy look like in Cabell, Cabell County?

1 A. Well, first of all, McCloud doesn't sit in Cabell

- 2 County.
- 3 Q. All right. I stand corrected. Tell me exactly where
- 4 | it sits.
- 5 A. It sits in Wayne County.
- 6 Q. Okay. And is that the part of Huntington that's in
- 7 | Wayne County? Is that where it is?
- 8 A. I don't know if it's considered part of Huntington or
- 9 not.
- 10 **Q.** Okay.
- 11 A. It is actually in a little town called Lavalette, West
- 12 Virginia.
- 13 Q. You're revealing me to be an out-of-towner, Mr. Perry.
- 14 Okay. Can you describe the -- that pharmacy, please?
- 15 A. Yes. So McCloud Family Pharmacy sat in like a little
- 16 | strip mall. There's a large grocery store there. There's
- Goodwill in that strip mall. There's several insurance
- 18 agents in that strip mall with various other small
- 19 businesses.
- 20 The store sat on one of the ends of that strip mall.
- 21 They had a drive-through. The store was very well
- organized. They had a really nice front end. They sold a
- lot of OTC brand products. They had a large Hallmark card
- section, sold a lot of knickknacks and so on. But they
- 25 still sold a large amount of OTC items in that store also.

- 1 Q. And who owned, who owned McCloud?
- 2 A. The owners were two brothers, Kevin McCloud and Jeff
- 3 McCloud.
- 4 Q. Did you know them? Did you have interactions with them
- 5 | at all?
- 6 **A.** Yes.
- 7 Q. Okay. Can you describe those very briefly for us,
- 8 please?
- 9 A. So depending upon what day it was that I would see
- 10 | them, they pretty much had their routine with regards to
- 11 their schedules. I would see either Jeff or Kevin. And
- both were licensed pharmacists, you know, great people. I
- always enjoyed calling on Jeff and Kevin. You know, they
- 14 | always gave me time. I would wait for my time. And when
- 15 they asked me to come back and discuss things with them,
- they gave me ample time, good, good people.
- 17 Q. How often would you visit that pharmacy?
- 18 A. Again, that pharmacy was located within five miles of
- 19 | my residence. So that pharmacy was visited by me quite
- 20 often.
- 21 Q. Okay. And same set of questions and I'll shorten them
- 22 this time. Did you -- in all the visits, all the times you
- visited the McCloud Pharmacy, did you ever see long lines of
- 24 people waiting at the pharmacy?
- 25 **A.** No.

- 1 Q. Or people loitering outside?
- 2 **A.** No.
- 3 Q. Or needles or empty bottles in the parking lot?
- 4 Anything of that nature?
- 5 **A.** No.
- 6 Q. All right. And same questions about cars with
- 7 out-of-state plates. Other than the Tri-State license
- 8 | plates, did you see license plates beyond that?
- 9 **A.** No.
- 10 Q. Did you think at any time that you visited McCloud
- 11 Pharmacy ever that the McClouds were diverting drugs out of
- 12 their pharmacy?
- 13 **A.** No.
- 14 Q. Is McCloud still in operation today?
- 15 A. The brothers no longer own that store. They sold that
- 16 | store to Fruth several years ago. And that store is still
- 17 there. It's called Fruth Family Pharmacy currently.
- 18 Q. I'm only going to ask you about one more pharmacy and
- 19 | that's Drug Emporium because that too has been referenced in
- 20 | this, in this case. Describe Drug Emporium for the Court,
- 21 please.
- 22 A. Well, I'll give you a really good example. My wife
- 23 stopped there not too long ago and she called me and she
- 24 said, "Honey, I'm not going to be home for quite a while."
- 25 She said, "I cannot believe what this store has to offer."

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I mean, Drug Emporium is huge. They have everything from beers, wines, OTCs. My wife said she spent a half hour in the Skecher section. Collegiate apparel, home healthcare, you name it, they have it. Plus, they have their pharmacy. Q. Do you know who the pharmacist in charge is that you dealt with at -- we're talking about the Barboursville location; right? Α. Yes. So the question is do you know who the pharmacist in charge was? I would see different pharmacy -- pharmacists at that location. You know, Brock -- I don't know what Brock's last name was, but I remember Brock. I would see Brock there occasionally. I would see one of the owners there, or partner I should say, Jerry Leonard. I would see Jerry Leonard there because he was a licensed pharmacist also. Q. Okay. Is Drug Emporium a licensed pharmacy? Α. Yes. Is it licensed by the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy? Α. Yes. Is it licensed by the DEA? Q. Α. Yes. Do you recall how long AmerisourceBergen serviced Drug Q.

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1 Emporium?

- 2 A. It depended upon the contract. We had contracts with
- 3 Drug Emporium. You know, from time to time we would win a
- 4 | contract or lose a contract. So we may have the business
- 5 | for, you know, maybe five years, and then we would lose it
- to a competitor. And then when that contract would be up,
- 7 we would bid for that contract again and we may win it back.
- 8 So from time to time, they were customers of
- 9 AmerisourceBergen.
- 10 Q. How often would you visit Drug Emporium in
- 11 Barboursville?
- 12 A. At least once a month.
- 13 Q. For all the years that you worked with them, that you
- 14 | serviced them?
- 15 **A.** Yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. In all of the times and all the years that you
- 17 | worked with -- you serviced Drug Emporium, did you ever see
- 18 | what you would consider to be a red flag of the -- and, you
- 19 know, we've gone through them. I don't need to list them
- 20 all again.
- 21 **A.** No.
- 22 Q. Is Drug Emporium still in operation today?
- 23 **A.** Yes.
- 24 Q. Just a few very final questions for you, Mr. Perry.
- 25 At any time in your 24 years with AmerisourceBergen did

1 you ever think that AmerisourceBergen was doing anything

- 2 other than a good job?
- 3 **A.** No.
- 4 Q. Did you always think they were a good company?
- 5 **A.** I did.
- 6 Q. How about yourself personally? At any time did you
- 7 ever think you were not doing a good job in Cabell County
- 8 and the City of Huntington?
- 9 **A.** No.
- 10 Q. Do you think you dropped any balls while you were
- 11 | working in Cabell and Huntington?
- 12 **A.** No.
- 13 Q. Did you ever turn a blind eye to compliance or to
- 14 | diversion issues?
- 15 **A.** No.
- 16 | Q. Did you ever prioritize sales over your
- 17 responsibilities to report issues to Diversion Control?
- 18 **A.** No.
- 19 \mathbf{Q} . Did you ever push the sale of opioids to a particular
- 20 pharmacy?
- 21 A. Never.
- 22 Q. Did you ever push controlled substances in the
- 23 direction of a pharmacy because you thought you would get
- 24 paid more if you did that?
- 25 A. Never.

- 1 Q. Did the company ever pressure you to do that?
- 2 A. Never.
- 3 Q. Sitting here today looking back at your 24 years, even
- 4 using 2020 hindsight, even using 2021 hindsight, do you
- 5 think you should have done anything differently?
- 6 A. My wife tells me I should work longer. No.
- 7 Q. Okay. Mr. Perry, thank you very much. I appreciate
- 8 your time.
- 9 MR. NICHOLAS: I have no further questions, Your
- 10 Honor.
- 11 THE COURT: Mr. Kennedy, do you have anything else
- 12 of this witness?
- 13 Mr. Farrell.
- 14 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 15 BY MR. FARRELL:
- 16 Q. Good afternoon. I'm Paul Farrell, Jr. We haven't
- 17 had a chance to meet.
- 18 **A.** Hi, Paul.
- 19 Q. So do you remember what class my father taught?
- 20 A. It was a criminal justice class. That was 40 some
- 21 years ago. The specific class I can't remember, but I loved
- 22 him as a professor.
- 23 Q. That's right. And you've been to Fran Degidio's house?
- 24 **A.** Yes.
- 25 Q. I grew up on South Queens Court.

- 1 A. I know exactly where you lived, Paul, yes.
- 2 Q. My grandfather used to take me to Sacred Heart Church
- 3 at 7:00 a.m. on weekdays. I don't know if that's where
- 4 you're at.
- 5 **A.** Yes.
- 6 Q. I know your family as well. That's one of the reasons
- 7 why Eric is the one who took the beginning. I've got a
- 8 | couple questions for you.
- 9 **A.** Sure.
- 10 Q. Without belaboring the point, you performed the sales
- 11 function for AmerisourceBergen; correct?
- 12 A. That's correct.
- 13 Q. And the Suspicious Order Monitoring and the Regulatory
- 14 | Compliance was a separate component of AmerisourceBergen?
- 15 A. I wouldn't say it was a separate, separate component.
- 16 It was part of AmerisourceBergen.
- 17 Q. So were you watching or tracking the volume of pills
- 18 | that were going into your pharmacies?
- 19 A. That's something that I would not or did not do.
- 20 Q. At any point in time were you advised or shown
- 21 statistics or trends of purchasers from the pharmacies that
- 22 you serviced?
- 23 A. I don't recall that.
- 24 Q. I noticed in some of the communications that you were
- 25 assigned Kentucky, or there was a -- your division or

1 territory included Kentucky?

2 A. Yeah. From time to time -- you know, we had different

3 initiatives in the company. We would have different

4 positions, territory changes because the company wanted to

5 have a different initiative to go to market and so on.

6 So from time to time, our, our sales territories did

7 change. And, of course, my territories changed, you know,

maybe every six, seven, eight years, whatever it might be.

9 But I still had a good base of customers in that

10 | Huntington area because that was my home. Not only that,

11 but a lot of my customers did business with

12 AmerisourceBergen because of who I am, the relationships

that we had, the personal relationships that we had. I was

14 very, very well received and very well-liked in my

15 territory, and you could ask my competition if that's true

16 or not true.

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17 Q. So your territory also included across the Big Sandy

over into Kentucky; correct?

19 A. That's correct.

Q. That would be Boyd County and Greenup County?

21 A. That is correct.

22 Q. And then if you cross the Ohio River, that's Lawrence

| County and Scioto County. Is that in your territory as

24 | well?

25 **A.** Yes.

1 Q. Just north of Huntington and Cabell County, if you can

- 2 swim up river, is Mason County?
- 3 **A.** Yes.
- 4 Q. And if you continue to go down south, you've got Wayne
- 5 County, Boone County, and Logan County?
- 6 A. Okay. So we need some clarification there. So Boone
- 7 County and, you know, those deep counties down there, that
- 8 was not part of my territory.
- 9 **Q.** Okay.
- 10 **A.** Yeah.
- 11 Q. So what about, what about Lincoln County?
- MR. NICHOLAS: Your Honor, at this point, I don't
- want to unnecessarily interrupt, but I think this is beyond
- 14 the scope.
- THE COURT: Well, I don't know where he's going.
- 16 Overruled.
- 17 I'm going to let you go ahead with this, Paul.
- 18 BY MR. FARRELL:
- 19 Q. Did you have Lincoln County as well?
- 20 **A.** Yes.
- 21 Q. Okay. So those pharmacies that you called on, were you
- 22 ever provided any information or data on the purchasing
- trends of your customers in the surrounding counties of
- 24 | Cabell County?
- 25 A. I don't recall that.

- 1 Q. So you spent 41 years in Huntington. It's where you
- grew up. You coached little league. Which league did you
- 3 coach?
- 4 A. The Buffalo league out in Wayne County.
- 5 Q. I was League 6.
- 6 A. We did not like you at all.
- 7 Q. On a more serious note --
- 8 **A.** Yes.
- 9 Q. -- have you seen a change in our community over the
- 10 | last 40 years?
- 11 A. I have, yes.
- 12 Q. I know you have. We have an opioid epidemic problem in
- our community, don't we?
- 14 A. I am well aware of that.
- 15 Q. It's affected just about every family in our community,
- 16 | hasn't it?
- 17 **A.** Just for the record --
- 18 **Q.** I know.
- 19 A. You know.
- 20 **O.** It's affected us all?
- 21 **A.** Yeah.
- MR. FARRELL: That's all the questions I have.
- 23 Thank you.
- THE COURT: Do you have anything else, Mr.
- 25 Nicholas?

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                 MR. NICHOLAS: No, Your Honor. Thank you.
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                 THE COURT: May Mr. Perry be excused?
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                 MR. NICHOLAS: He may.
                 THE COURT: You're free to go, Mr. Perry. Thank
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      you, sir, very much. We appreciate it.
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                 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor.
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                 MR. FARRELL: Judge, can we have five minutes?
                 THE COURT: Yes. Let's break for five minutes.
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            (Recess taken from 4:17 p.m. until 4:25 p.m.)
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                 THE COURT: All right. Do you have a witness you
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       can call?
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                 MR. FULLER: Your Honor, the plaintiffs would next
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       call Michael Mone.
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                 THE COURT: Okay.
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                 THE CLERK: Sir, would you please state your name.
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                 THE WITNESS: Michael A. Mone.
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                 THE CLERK: Spell your last name, please.
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                 THE WITNESS: M-o-n-e.
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                 THE CLERK: Please raise your right hand.
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      MICHAEL MONE, PLAINTIFFS' WITNESS, SWORN
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                 THE CLERK: Thank you. Please take a seat.
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                 MR. FULLER: May it please the Court.
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                 THE COURT: Yes.
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                 MR. FULLER: Mike Fuller for the record.
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- 1 knew who she was taking down.
- 2 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 3 BY MR. FULLER:
- 4 Q. Mr. Mone, please state your name.
- 5 A. My name is Michael, middle initial is A, last name is
- 6 Mone, M-o-n-e.
- 7 Q. Mr. Mone, what party here are you associated with?
- 8 A. At the -- for the relevant periods of time, Cardinal
- 9 Health.
- 10 | Q. Okay. And you haven't actually been deposed for this
- 11 | case; is that correct?
- 12 A. To the best of my knowledge, no.
- 13 Q. I was hoping you would know if you were. But you have
- 14 | been deposed for, related to this litigation; is that right?
- 15 **A.** I have.
- 16 Q. And you have counsel in the courtroom?
- 17 A. Not in the courtroom, but available.
- 18 Q. Who is that?
- 19 A. Zach Swisher.
- 20 Q. And has Williams & Connolly also represented you in
- 21 this matter?
- 22 A. They have.
- 23 **Q.** And did they represent you at your depositions?
- 24 A. They did.
- 25 **Q.** And did Cardinal pay for their services for you?

- A. To the best of my --
- MS. MAINIGI: Objection, Your Honor, relevance.
- THE COURT: What's the basis?
- 4 MR. FULLER: Your Honor, I'm establishing that
- 5 they are tied as a party.
- 6 THE COURT: Okay, overruled.
- 7 BY MR. FULLER:

- 8 Q. You can answer.
- 9 A. Cardinal Health is paying the attorneys, yes.
- 10 Q. And, Mr. Mone, when were you employed with Cardinal?
- 11 A. I was employed with Cardinal Health from 1996 to
- 12 2012 -- 2006 to 2012.
- 13 Q. I was going to say you went back a lot further than I
- 14 thought.
- 15 A. Sorry. I apologize.
- 16 Q. Sure. And when you started with Cardinal, you weren't
- 17 actually working for Cardinal. You were working for
- 18 Medicine Shoppe; is that right?
- 19 A. Medicine Shoppe is a subdivision of Cardinal. So
- 20 ultimately I was working for Cardinal Health.
- 21 Q. What did you do at Medicine Shoppe -- well, explain to
- 22 the Judge what Medicine Shoppe is.
- 23 A. Medicine Shoppe is a franchise, a, a company that
- 24 | provides franchisees, independent community pharmacy owners
- with the franchise name of Medicine Shoppe, and support

- 1 services for them.
- 2 Q. And are you aware of whether there's a Medicine Shoppe
- 3 | in Cabell County or Huntington, West Virginia?
- 4 A. I, I don't recall whether there is or there isn't.
- 5 Q. Okay. Fair enough. And what did you do for Medicine
- 6 Shoppe? Explain that to the Court.
- 7 A. I was hired at Medicine Shoppe to assist the
- 8 franchisees in adapting to regulatory changes or to provide
- 9 tools, education tools for regulatory compliance.
- 10 **Q.** And just a little more background on yourself, you are
- 11 | a registered pharmacist, or at least you were at one time;
- 12 is that correct?
- 13 **A.** I still am.
- 14 Q. Okay. And you are also a lawyer, are you not?
- 15 **A.** I, I am.
- 16 Q. And you went to the University of Florida?
- 17 **A.** I did.
- 18 Q. Go Gators. I'm a Gator grad as well.
- 19 A. Go Gators.
- 20 Q. So about 18 months after you joined Cardinal, you moved
- over to corporate headquarters; is that right?
- 22 **A.** I did.
- 23 Q. I'm sorry, I didn't hear you.
- 24 **A.** I did.
- 25 Q. And that is located where?

- 1 A. In Dublin, Ohio.
- 2 Q. And what role did you take on at that -- well, first of
- 3 all, tell the Court when that was.
- 4 A. In December of 2007.
- 5 Q. And what role did you take on at that point in time?
- 6 A. I took on the role of Vice President of Anti-Diversion.
- 7 **Q.** Okay. Now, how do I --
- 8 MR. FULLER: I'm sorry, Judge. I'm new to the big
- 9 screen. So I was told to push where the tags are, and if I
- want to use ELMO, I just push ELMO?
- 11 BY MR. FULLER:
- 12 Q. All right. And you're aware that Cardinal
- distributed controlled substances across the country; is
- 14 | that right?
- 15 **A.** Yes.
- 16 Q. You're also aware that they distributed other products
- 17 as well. Is that fair?
- 18 **A.** That is correct.
- 19 Q. Did they have any geographical area where they were
- 20 | more heavily distributed, to the best of your recollection?
- 21 A. I, I, I wouldn't, I wouldn't necessarily know where
- 22 their geographic concentration was.
- 23 Q. And when you came in in 2007, December, you took over
- 24 | their Anti-Diversion section; is that right?
- 25 A. I took over from Steve Reardon.

1 Q. Mr. Reardon had been there for a good period of time;

- 2 is that correct?
- 3 **A.** Yes.
- 4 Q. And you continued on, just in a different role?
- 5 A. That is correct.
- 6 Q. Okay. And you reported directly to -- was it Mark
- 7 Hartman?
- 8 A. That is correct.
- 9 Q. And that changed at some point in your employment;
- 10 right?
- 11 **A.** It did.
- 12 Q. And who did it change to?
- 13 A. Gilberto Quintero.
- 14 Q. Okay. And then in 2012 -- tell me when in 2012 your
- job title or position changed.
- 16 **A.** September of 2012.
- 17 Q. Okay. Now, your relevant time frame for Anti-Diversion
- was really from end of 2007, December, through September of
- 19 | 2012; is that right?
- 20 **A.** That is correct.
- 21 Q. Okay. So what I want to try to do next with you is to
- 22 establish a, a context, if we can, for the Judge. Okay?
- So when you arrived, you changed the system, what we've
- referred to as SOMS, or Suspicious Order Monitoring System,
- 25 at Cardinal; is that right?

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MS. MAINIGI: Objection, Your Honor, leading.
have not -- I know we've jumped around on this, but we've
not established that this is an adverse or hostile witness.
Mr. Mone no longer is employed by Cardinal Health.
          THE COURT: Well, --
          MR. FULLER: Judge, --
          THE COURT: Go ahead, Mr. Fuller.
          MR. FULLER: He worked for them for an extended
period of time. He is no longer employed by them. He has
been, since leaving them, been represented by the same
counsel that represents him with Cardinal paying for --
          THE COURT: I'll let you lead him. Go ahead.
think it's proper under 611.
          MR. FULLER: Thank you, Your Honor.
BY MR. FULLER:
    And I forgot what the question was, but we'll keep
going. Okay?
     Fair enough.
    When you came in in December of 2007, one of your main
tasks was implementing the SOMS program -- for the Court,
SOMS is Suspicious Order Monitoring System; right?
     I would say that the answer to that is "no."
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     So your job wasn't to create and implement a SOMS
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- 1 system there.
- 2 Q. What was your role when you came on? Do you know?
- 3 A. To improve the system and make changes to the system.
- 4 Q. Fair enough. And then -- let's talk about what was
- 5 going on during that time frame. So December of 2007 you
- 6 | were brought up from Medicine Shoppe to the home office.
- 7 Did you already -- were you already living in the Columbus
- 8 area?
- 9 A. I was not.
- 10 Q. Where were you living before that?
- 11 A. St. Louis.
- 12 Q. So you moved from St. Louis to Columbus. I'm sorry.
- 13 What town are they actually located in?
- 14 A. They're located in Dublin.
- 15 Q. Dublin, which is a suburb of Columbus; right?
- 16 **A.** It is.
- 17 Q. So you moved to Columbus to take on this new role;
- 18 | right?
- 19 A. Not initially.
- 20 Q. Okay. Why did you move to Dublin? Or did you later
- 21 move to Dublin?
- 22 A. I did later move to Dublin.
- 23 Q. Okay. When did you move to Dublin?
- 24 A. Maybe a year after I started, sometime in there.
- 25 Q. So in the meantime, you're commuting?

- 1 **A.** I was.
- 2 Q. Okay. And when you were brought in in December of
- 3 | 2007, you're aware that two of Cardinal's distribution
- 4 centers have had their license suspended; is that correct?
- 5 A. There were two Immediate Suspension Orders for
- 6 distribution centers at the time that I arrived, yes.
- 7 Q. And do you remember which two distribution centers?
- 8 A. Auburn in Washington State and Lakeland in Florida.
- 9 Q. And then after you arrived, another distribution center
- 10 had its license suspended; correct?
- 11 **A.** It did.
- 12 Q. And that was Swedesboro, New Jersey?
- 13 **A.** It was.
- 14 Q. And then there was an order to show cause issued for
- 15 the Texas distribution center, which I believe is Stafford;
- 16 | right?
- 17 A. To the best of my recollection, that is correct.
- 18 Q. And Stafford didn't get an Immediate Suspension Order,
- 19 but they gave up their license as part of that
- 20 administrative -- or excuse me -- order to show cause;
- 21 correct?
- 22 A. I don't recall what happened with, with the Stafford
- 23 facility.
- 24 Q. Are you aware that it eventually gave up its license
- 25 for a period of time?

1 A. I, I don't -- I honestly do not recall whether, whether

- 2 that was what happened with Stafford.
- 3 Q. Okay. And you are aware and were involved in the MOU,
- 4 or Memorandum of Agreement or Understanding, that was
- 5 entered between Cardinal and the DOJ -- excuse me -- in
- 6 | 2008; right?
- 7 A. No, I was not involved in the MOU.
- 8 O. You were at least aware?
- 9 A. I was aware.
- 10 Q. And that MOU affected your job duties and
- 11 responsibilities; correct?
- 12 A. The MOU obligations on the DEA and on Cardinal Health
- with regard to the settlement of that action -- of those
- 14 | actions.
- 15 **Q.** And then in 2012 there was another administrative
- action taken by DOJ; is that correct?
- 17 **A.** That is correct.
- 18 Q. And that also ended up in an Immediate Suspension Order
- 19 of the Lakeland facility down in Florida; correct?
- 20 **A.** That is correct.
- 21 Q. That was, I think, approximately February 2nd of 2012?
- 22 A. I'm, I'm okay with -- if you tell me it's February 2nd,
- 23 it's February 2nd. I don't recall the date.
- Q. Fair enough. You do recall it was 2012; right?
- 25 A. I do recall it was in 2012, yes.

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           All right. And then later in 2012 there was another
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       Memorandum Agreement entered between Cardinal and the DOJ;
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       right?
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           That is -- yes.
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           And then you changed positions around that point in
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       time as well; right?
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            I, I don't recall when the MOA was signed, but I
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       changed, I changed into the role that I had for a while in
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       September.
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       Q. And what role was that? What was your new role just so
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       the Court has the context?
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           My new role was to move to the legal department as a
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       regulatory attorney.
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       Q. All right, perfect.
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                 MR. FULLER: And, Judge, for demonstrative
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       purposes, I'm going to put up -- I'm sorry. I'm
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       inexperienced. How do I zoom out?
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                 MS. MAINIGI: Your Honor, before we publish
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       anything, can we get an identification of what this is and
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       take it down until --
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                 THE COURT: Yes.
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                 MR. FULLER: Sure. This is demonstrative Exhibit
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                 MS. MAINIGI: Give me a second.
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Your Honor, while she's looking at it, I'm happy to explain to the Court what it is. It's the distribution of oxycodone by Cardinal into CT2 for the entirety of the time frame. So it goes all the way back to 1996 through 2018. What I'm doing with that is marking certain things along the time line so the Court will have a context of what was going on during these different time periods. MS. MAINIGI: Your Honor, we have provided objections to this demonstrative. First, I think we've got to lay a foundation with the witness. And then the -- I quess it's purporting to be a 1006 summary, and there's no basis for where the numbers are -- what the numbers are related to. THE COURT: Well, you can try to lay a basis for it, Mr. Fuller. MR. FULLER: Well, Judge, there's no way to lay a basis with this particular witness. That's why I'm offering the demonstrative to give the Court a context of what was transactioning [sic], what was going on during this relevant time period. MS. MAINIGI: Your Honor, Mr. Fuller has a witness on the stand. This witness, I do not think, would have any

THE COURT: I'm not going to let you use a

knowledge of what he has put up as a demonstrative. He

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                 MR. FULLER: Your Honor, can I, can I put up --
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                 MS. MAINIGI: Your Honor, why would we publish a
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       demonstrative when he hasn't established a foundation?
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                 MR. FULLER: Judge, with all due respect, I don't
       think I'm worried about prejudicing a jury. I'm sure if you
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       don't allow it, you can ignore it. So the concern with
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       posting it at the moment just to explain it to the Court --
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                 THE COURT: Well, who's going to explain it?
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       mean, you put it up and you're the witness and you're
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       testifying. Right?
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                 MR. FULLER: It's just a demonstrative, Your
       Honor. It's one of Mr. McCann's slides --
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                 THE COURT: It's not a proper demonstrative unless
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       it's illustrative of the witness's testimony.
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            Isn't that right, Ms. Mainigi?
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                 MS. MAINIGI: That's correct, Your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: Okay. I'm not going to let you use
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       it --
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                 MR. FULLER: Fair enough, Judge.
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                 THE COURT: -- unless you can lay a proper
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       foundation for it.
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                 MR. FULLER: Yes, Your Honor.
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1 BY MR. FULLER: 2 Mr. Mone, have you looked at or ever seen any of the distribution data from Cardinal into Cabell or 3 4 Huntington County? 5 MS. MAINIGI: Time frame. Objection. 6 MR. FULLER: Any of it. 7 THE WITNESS: To the best of my recollection, I would have seen individual pharmacy distribution. 8 9 BY MR. FULLER: 10 So you wouldn't have compared or looked at the 11 total pills going into Cabell County or West Virginia or 12 any other part of the country, would you? 13 Not in my particular role, no, sir. 14 Let's continue on with the time frame issues and sort 15 of laying this context. 16 You know when you came in 2007 there was a pending 17 action with the government, the DOJ? 18 MS. MAINIGI: Objection, Your Honor. I understand 19 Mr. Fuller can lead, but Mr. Fuller is testifying at this 20 point and recapping and summarizing. 21 THE COURT: Yeah. You can ask him leading 22 questions, but you can't testify, Mr. Fuller. 23 MR. FULLER: Yes, Your Honor. I'll rephrase it. 24 BY MR. FULLER:

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Was there a pending action when you arrived in 2007

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1 to Columbus, Ohio? 2 When I arrived in Columbus, there were two pending 3 actions. 4 All right. And are you aware of any administrative 5 briefings -- or excuse me -- distributor briefings that were 6 done at a prior time related to the distribution of 7 controlled substances? 8 MS. MAINIGI: Objection, vaque. 9 MR. FULLER: I'll rephrase, Your Honor. 10 THE COURT: Wait just a minute. 11 Yeah, you can re-ask the question, Mr. Fuller. 12 MR. FULLER: Thank you, Judge. 13 BY MR. FULLER: 14 Mr. Mone, are you aware that back in 2005 Cardinal 15 met with the DEA with what's referred to as a 16 distributor briefing or distributor initiative? 17 I am generally aware that during the periods of time, 18 pharmaceutical wholesale distributors met with the DEA. I 19 do not know whether specifically Cardinal Health did in 20 2005-2006. 21 Q. Are you also aware of -- what we refer to as Rannazzisi 22 letters, or letters from Joe Rannazzisi with the DEA to the 23 distributors, and particularly Cardinal, one back in 24 September of '06? Let's start with that one.

I am not aware of the '06 letter.

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- 1 Q. So you never saw it?
- 2 A. To the best of my recollection, I never saw the '06
- 3 letter.
- 4 Q. And then how about the December, 2012, letter that came
- 5 in about the time you were there. I'm sorry. December
- 6 of -- December of 2007 letter.
- 7 A. I am aware of the Joe Rannazzisi letter from December
- 8 of 2007.
- 9 Q. And did you review that letter?
- 10 **A.** I did.
- 11 Q. Okay. Now, one of the additional issues that has been
- brought up is communication with the DEA. Did you have
- regular communication with the DEA?
- 14 **A.** I did.
- 15 O. And would that include communication about the
- 16 distribution of controlled substances, particularly oxy
- 17 and -- Oxycontin -- excuse me -- oxycodone and hydrocodone?
- 18 A. My communications with the DEA included all controlled
- 19 substance distributions.
- 20 O. And did some of those concerns focus around those two
- 21 particular substances?
- MS. MAINIGI: Objection. It misstates his
- 23 testimony.
- 24 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 25 BY MR. FULLER:

1 Did you have any communications with the DEA 2 particularly related to oxycodone or hydrocodone? 3 Α. No. 4 Okay. Did you have conversations in -- starting with 5 2009 with -- I'm going to try to get his name right --6 Araholt (phonetic)? In 2009 did you speak with -- I 7 apologize, Your Honor -- the DEA related to the treatment of 8 chains, chain pharmacies? 9 2009. In the absence of some other information, I 10 can't know what we're referring to. 11 Sure, fair enough. Let's bring up 9401. 12 MS. MAINIGI: Can we refrain from publishing until 13 it's been distributed and the foundation has been laid? 14 MR. FULLER: Your Honor, may I approach the 15 witness? 16 THE COURT: Yes. 17 MS. MAINIGI: Your Honor, I have an objection to 18 this. This is a declaration of Mr. Mone, and I don't think 19 this is a proper exhibit for questioning. 20 If there is an occasion to ask Mr. Mone a question and 21 then use the declaration for impeachment purposes, then I 22 think that would be a proper use of a declaration. But I 23 don't think that Mr. Fuller can take a declaration of Mr. 24 Mone and just throw it on the screen.

Moreover, this particular declaration, Your Honor, is

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       irrelevant because of geographic scope. It has no
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                 THE COURT: What are you going to use it for, Mr.
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       Fuller?
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                 MR. FULLER: To refresh his -- well, one is --
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                 MS. MAINIGI: It hasn't -- go ahead.
                 MR. FULLER: Your Honor, it's an admission by a
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       matter asserted as to what Mr. Mone did. It was filed in
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                 MS. MAINIGI: Your Honor, he can ask him questions
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       or background that may be in the declaration. And if Mr.
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       Mone gives an answer different than Mr. Fuller is expecting,
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       he can impeach him with it. But there's no basis to use
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       this as a roadmap for his questioning.
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                 THE COURT: I agree with that. You can use it to
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       refresh his recollection. You can use it as a good faith
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       basis to ask him questions. But I think Ms. Mainigi is
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       right. You can't just start in on it and basically read it
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       to him.
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                 MS. MAINIGI: And, Your Honor, one other thing.
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       With respect to refreshing his recollection, there's been
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       no -- there's been no establishment that there's a need to
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       refresh his recollection.
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                 THE COURT: That's true.
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                 MR. FULLER: Well, Your Honor, he just testified
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       that he didn't remember a conversation with the DEA that
       happened back in 2009.
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                 THE COURT: Well, you can ask him if there's
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       anything that would refresh his recollection with regard to
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       a conversation with DEA in 2009. But if he says "no,"
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       you're stuck with that.
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                 MR. FULLER: Well, Judge, I would think I would be
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       able to impeach him with the inconsistent statement that he
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       placed in his declaration.
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                 MS. MAINIGI: Your Honor, he has not -- just for
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       the record, this witness has not made any sort of
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       inconsistent statement. I don't know where Mr. Fuller is
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       coming up with that.
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                 THE COURT: Well, that's true too.
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                 MR. FULLER: Judge, I believe I've laid the
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       foundation that I've asked him to --
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                 THE COURT: Well, you can ask him questions based
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       upon what, based upon what -- the knowledge you glean from
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       this, but I don't think you can show him the document and
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       take him through it.
                 MR. FULLER: Your Honor, can I ask if he can
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       refresh his recollection from the document?
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                 MS. MAINIGI: Your Honor, I do not think there's
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       even a question pending right now. Refresh his recollection
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       about what? And we need to establish a foundation about --
                 THE COURT: I agree. You can back up and try
       again, Mr. Fuller, but --
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           Mr. Ackerman, do you want to say something here?
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                 MR. ACKERMAN: I apologize. I don't think my mic
              It is on. I apologize, Your Honor. My head is
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       spinning a little bit. And maybe I am -- I got confused in
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       the back and forth.
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       the document as a basis for his questions. Okay?
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                 MS. MAINIGI: Your Honor, I --
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                 THE COURT: Isn't that right, Ms. Mainigi?
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                 MS. MAINIGI: Yes, Your Honor. If, if there's a
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      basis to impeach him or there's a need to refresh his
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       and some relevance here, none of which has been done.
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       Fuller's conducting the examination here. Mr. Fuller ought
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       Court or respond to any objections raised.
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       that and Mr. Farrell is standing up which makes me even
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       less -- even more lax about it. Normally it's one lawyer
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       for each party for a witness. And I've violated that rule
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       because nobody has objected to it.
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                 MS. MAINIGI: I am objecting, Your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: All right. Sit down, Mr. Farrell.
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                 MR. ACKERMAN: Your Honor, I would note that I
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       represent the City of Huntington. Mr. Fuller is
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       representing the Cabell County. They are two separate
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       plaintiffs.
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                 THE COURT: All right.
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            Well, Mr. Farrell, you and Mr. Fuller represent the
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       same party. Right?
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                 MR. FARRELL: I sat down, Judge.
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                 THE COURT: Okay. Go ahead, Mr. Fuller.
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                 MR. FULLER: Your Honor, he has a copy of the
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       document. Do you want me to retrieve it at this time?
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                 THE COURT: Well, --
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                 MR. FULLER: Judge, I -- I'll do whatever Your
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       Honor wants.
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the document to ask him questions and we'll take it from there. But I'm not going to let him use the document until we get to a point where it's relevant for him to use it, if we ever get there. MR. FULLER: Yes, Your Honor. BY MR. FULLER: Mr. Mone, turn that document upside-down on your desk. And do you recall a conversation in 2009 with the DEA related to the treatment of chain pharmacies? MS. MAINIGI: Objection, relevance, foundation. THE COURT: Overruled. He can answer. THE WITNESS: I had many conversations with the DEA during periods of time. I'm not certain what conversation you're specifically referring to. BY MR. FULLER: Sure. Might it refresh your recollection if I showed you an affidavit that you did that references a specific conversation that you had with the DEA in 2009? MS. MAINIGI: Your Honor, I have to object again, and I apologize for continuing to get up, but we're right back where we were 10 minutes ago. He needs to give him some more guideposts about the conversation with the DEA. THE COURT: You need to at least give him a specific date and ask him if he remembers that. MR. FULLER: Yes, Your Honor.

1 BY MR. FULLER:

- Q. Mr. Mone, do you remember in July of 2009 having a
- 3 conversation with Mr. Arpaio related to the treatment of
- 4 chain pharmacies?
- 5 **A.** I do.
- 6 Q. Okay. Now, in that conversation did Mr. Arpaio
- 7 indicate to you that chain pharmacies should be treated the
- 8 same as other retail independent chains?
- 9 A. Mr. Arpaio was discussing with me his expectation that
- 10 the due diligence with regard to chain pharmacies should be
- 11 the same as retail independents. To the best of my
- recollection, that's what our conversation was about.
- 13 Q. And did you consider that to be guidance from the DEA?
- 14 A. I did not consider that to be guidance.
- 15 Q. And did you have a differing opinion as to the
- 16 | treatment of chains compared to retail independent
- 17 pharmacies?
- 18 | A. I had a difference of opinion with regard to how we
- 19 | managed the due diligence with chains based upon my
- 20 conversations with Barbara Boockholdt.
- 21 Q. And did you later in the month of November of 2009 have
- 22 a conversation with Barbara Boockholdt related to the
- 23 treatment of chain pharmacies?
- 24 A. I do not recall the specific timeline when I spoke with
- Barbara. But to the best of my recollection, immediately

1 after Mr. Arpaio called me, I called Barbara. If you're 2 referring to a different time, I need some framework. 3 Well, now, I specified the time frame that I was 0. 4 talking about because Mr. Arpaio's conversation was in July, 5 at least based on my question. 6 Now I'm asking about a conversation in November, which 7 is approximately six, five, four months later. Are you --8 the conversation or the call you're referring to to 9 Ms. Boockholdt, was that right after your conversation? 10 There was a -- there was a call to Ms. Boockholdt 11 immediately after Mr. Arpaio communicated with me. There 12 may have been other conversations with Barbara. 13 Do you remember a conversation with Ms. Boockholdt, 14 Barbara as you referenced her, in November of 2009 related 15 to the same issue of treating chains differently and they 16 should be treated the same as retail independents? 17 I do not have any recollection of that conversation. 18 MR. FULLER: Can I get 9928? 19 Judge, this is another declaration filed in the same 20 matter and deals with that particular conversation. 21 MS. MAINIGI: Your Honor, I do not think he has 22 established any basis to refresh recollection if that's what 23 he's anticipating doing. Why doesn't he ask the witness 24 what was said in the conversation?

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                 THE COURT: Do you remember the conversation, Mr.
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       Mone?
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                 THE WITNESS: With Barbara?
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                 THE COURT: Yes.
                 THE WITNESS: I, I remember the conversation
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       immediately after Mike called in July.
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                 THE WITNESS: It was a discussion about how
       Barbara had visited the Cardinal Health -- Cardinal Health
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       and we had had our conversation when she did the assessment
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       of the SOM system earlier in the year.
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                 THE COURT: Is that what you're driving at, Mr.
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       Fuller?
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                 MR. FULLER: No, Your Honor. I asked him
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       specifically about November and he testified he had no
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       recollection. That's when I culled up the next document.
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                 THE COURT: Well, if -- what's the document? His
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       own declaration?
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                 MR. FULLER: Yes, Your Honor.
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                 MS. MAINIGI: Your Honor, he still cannot do this.
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       I mean, if Mr. Mone has a recollection of a -- he can ask
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       him about all the conversations he recalls with Ms.
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       Boockholdt. But there's a number of different ways he can
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       establish some quideposts and ask some questions. This is
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1 not -- he really just wants to put this document on the 2 screen and walk through it. It's not that easy. 3 THE COURT: Well, I'm not going to let him do 4 that. But if, if, if he can establish that his recollection is refreshed by the document, then you can show him that 5 6 part of the document that refreshes his recollection with 7 regard to this particular conversation. 8 MR. FULLER: Thank you, Judge. 9 BY MR. FULLER: 10 Mr. Mone, if I showed you a declaration that you 11 did back in 2012 that addressed this specific 12 conversation in November with Ms. Boockholdt, might that 13 refresh your recollection? 14 Α. It may or may not. 15 MR. FULLER: Your Honor, may I approach the 16 witness? 17 THE COURT: Yeah, you can, you can show him that 18 part of the document and ask him if it refreshes his 19 recollection. And if he says "yes," you can retrieve the 20 document and ask him the question. But he's got to testify 21 from memory, not read the document. 22 MR. FULLER: Fair enough, Judge. May I approach? 23 THE COURT: Yes. 24 BY MR. FULLER: 25 If you'll look at the review, Paragraph 11, Mr. Q.

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       Mone.
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                 MS. MAINIGI: I'm sorry, Mr. Fuller. P-9928,
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       Paragraph 11?
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                 MR. FULLER: Yes.
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                 THE COURT: Does that refresh your recollection
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       about what happened in --
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                 MS. MAINIGI: I don't think this is the correct
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       document.
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       BY MR. FULLER:
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       Q. Can I see your copy, Mr. Mone, for a second? I
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       apologize.
                 MR. FULLER: Yeah, it is. I'm sorry, Judge.
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       BY MR. FULLER:
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       Q. Mr. Mone, have you had a chance to look at
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       Paragraph 11?
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       A. I have.
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                 THE COURT: Does that refresh your recollection
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       about this conversation you had with Ms. Boockholdt?
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                 THE WITNESS: It does not. It references an
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       email.
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                 MR. FULLER: Hold on. I apologize, Judge. I was
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       looking at my wrong highlight. Let's look at Paragraph 7.
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       It's on the page prior.
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                 THE COURT: Where are we? Are we in the
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       declaration or are we in the --
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                 MR. FULLER: Yes, Your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: Paragraph 7? This doesn't say
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       anything about a November meeting.
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                 MR. FULLER: Judge, if you start about halfway
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       down that paragraph on February 24th, 2012, --
                 THE COURT: Okay. I see it.
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            Have you read that --
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            We need to get through this.
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            Have you read that, Mr. Mone?
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                 THE WITNESS: I'm almost finished, Your Honor.
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            Yes, I've read it.
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                 THE COURT: Does that refresh your recollection
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       about this November, 2009, meeting?
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                 THE WITNESS: It does not.
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                 THE COURT: You're stuck with his answer, Mr.
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       Fuller.
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                 MR. FULLER: May I obtain the declaration back,
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       Your Honor?
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                 THE COURT: Yes.
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                 MR. FULLER: Your Honor, it's 5:00. Are we --
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                 THE COURT: It's exactly 5:00. That's the
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       bewitching hour.
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                 MR. FULLER: When you said we've got to get
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       through this, I looked at my watch.
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                 THE COURT: Mr. Mone, I'm going to have to ask you
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1 to come back tomorrow, sir. And you're excused for tonight 2 and we'll see you at 9:00 in the morning. 3 THE WITNESS: Yes, Your Honor. 4 THE COURT: And I think Mr. Schmidt had a matter 5 he wanted to bring up with the Court. 6 MR. SCHMIDT: Yes, Your Honor. 7 Your Honor, the issue we wanted to raise is something I raised with Mr. Farrell. It's a timing issue. 8 9 Several of their expert witnesses are sequenced in that 10 they -- later witnesses rely on the testimony of earlier witnesses to give their opinions. They rely on the expert 11 12 report and the testimony of someone else. 13 This comes up most immediately next week in the context 14 of Mr. Rafalski, the DEA witness that plaintiffs are 15 producing who relies on testimony from Dr. McCann that has 16 not yet come into evidence. And that presents two 17 questions. 18 One is the case law, we believe, is pretty clear that 19 Dr. McCann has to give that testimony as a predicate to Mr. 20 Rafalski. And I don't think the plaintiffs disagree with 21 that. They told us they do intend to call Dr. McCann. 22 So the second question is the sequencing. In our view, 23 Dr. McCann should come in, give the testimony, lay the 24 predicate, and then Mr. Rafalski should testify. I think 25 the plaintiffs have taken the opposite view.

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            Just as a matter of good order, we think it should be
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       sequenced that way, including the cross-examination of Mr.
       Rafalski could be a mess if we're testifying about a
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       methodology that hasn't actually come in before the Court.
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            So our request is just that proper sequencing be
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       observed.
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                 THE COURT: When do you expect to call these
       witnesses, Mr. Farrell?
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                 MR. FARRELL: Optimistically, next week.
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                 THE COURT: Optimistically, next week?
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                 MR. FARRELL: Yes, sir.
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                 THE COURT: Will both of them be available next
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       week?
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                 MR. FARRELL: Yes.
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                 THE COURT: Well, why can't you put Dr. McCann on
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       first?
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                 MR. FARRELL: Because that wasn't our plan. And I
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       think that -- to be blunt, Judge, I think that there's
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       tactical reasons for us to put it on in this order and
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       tactical reasons for the defense to want it the other way
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       around.
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            So to be clear, the sequence of this looks something
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       like this. Each of the three defendants have, as you've
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       seen, some type of algorithm or metric to identify orders
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       which are, using different language, suspicious, red flags,
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excessive, orders of interest. What -- it's based upon data that was transactional data that was produced in discovery.

So Dr. McCann has been split so that he can present the transactional data, and then we put on the three defendants where we put on the record the types of tests they were using.

Mr. Rafalski is a former DEA agent who did this type of analysis and led the investigation into the *Masters*Pharmaceutical case. He's going to then take the tests that are in the record from the three companies. He's going to then reference due diligence files that were -- that had been produced in discovery. And he's going to state, as in his expert witness report, to apply these tests.

Mr. McCann -- Dr. McCann, as the mathematician, is not laying any factual predicate for those tests. He's simply going to be running the data analysis that Mr. Rafalski is going to testify to.

We think the good order is the one that we've proposed and we would suggest that under 104(b), conditional relevancy, that the sequence is appropriate for us to put on both of them in that order. That would be --

THE COURT: Well, how -- if he's relying on Dr.

McCann and Dr. McCann's testimony is relying on him not in
the record, how are you going to get around that problem?

MR. FARRELL: I think it's conditional relevancy.

I think what he can say is he's going to say that -- these are all reports that have been disclosed in discovery. It's not an unknown entity.

So I think Mr. Rafalski is going to say these are the results of the tests the next witness is going to put on.

MR. SCHMIDT: Your Honor, on our end it's not a tactical decision. It's just a basic point that Mr.

Rafalski doesn't run these analyses. He doesn't know how to run these analyses. He doesn't know the aspects of how these analyses were run in terms of the decisions that were made in the analyses. He can't self-authenticate these analyses. Only Dr. McCann can do that.

And as a matter of good practice, we're going to be put in a position where we're essentially cross-examining Mr.

Rafalski about Dr. McCann's deposition testimony about these methodologies when it seems to us the self-evidently more appropriate way to do it would be to hear from Dr. McCann about the methodologies, cross-examine Dr. McCann, and then have Mr. Rafalski say why he's okay with the methodologies.

THE COURT: Why can't you do that, Mr. Farrell?

MR. FARRELL: Well, I can. And what will happen
then is that there will be objections the other way around.

So I'm perfectly willing to play it out exactly as Mr. Schmidt says, but I will tell you that we will be sitting here for that, for that testimony with the same exact --

1 there's no predicate. 2 THE COURT: Well, if, if you're willing -- if 3 you're telling me you can solve the problem by calling Dr. 4 McCann first, and if you can do that, I think that's the 5 right way to do it. 6 MR. FARRELL: May I have one second, Judge? 7 (Pause) MR. FARRELL: Judge, the problem that we have is 8 9 that both Dr. McCann and Jim Rafalski are experts in the 10 MDL. And their deposition -- or their testimony has been 11 secured and their surrounding dates have been impacted with 12 other litigation with Judge Polster. 13 That being said, I take with great respect the advice 14 of my learned counsel on the order of witnesses that we 15 should call. I, I just met with the smarter lawyers on my 16 team -- and I don't mean that in any sarcastic way --17 literally the lawyers that have designed this. And the 18 ordering of the two witnesses is not as important as it is 19 with the scheduling. 20 I personally believe that this is the right order of 21 things to go, but I will defer as long as we understand that 22 there will not be any gamesmanship about staging. 23 THE COURT: You mean they might not be available 24 because they have an obligation in the MDL litigation to be

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somewhere else?

1 MR. FARRELL: Yes. We have, we have been working 2 with the MDL lawyers to try to -- because they want to take 3 the depositions of these witnesses. 4 MR. SCHMIDT: Actually, Your Honor, I think what's 5 happened is my understanding is -- and we raised this 6 earlier. Mr. Rafalski was supposed to be deposed in a 7 Georgia case three weeks ago. They cancelled that, so we 8 would not have a deposition of him before here. 9 Dr. McCann was supposed to -- and then Mr. Rafalski was 10 also supposed to be deposed by pharmacies I think last week. 11 They cancelled that so there wouldn't be a deposition before 12 herein. I don't know if the same thing has happened with 13 Dr. McCann. 14 But that's -- those cancellations, as I understand it, 15 certainly as to the McKesson case in Georgia, were over our 16 objection. 17 THE COURT: Well, I'm going to ask you to call Dr. 18 McCann first, Mr. Farrell. 19 MR. FARRELL: Yes, Your Honor. 20 THE COURT: Now, does everybody know we plan to go 21 until 5:00 on Friday this week? 22 ALL COUNSEL: Yes, Your Honor. 23 THE COURT: Unfortunately, I have somewhere I've 24 got to be Monday morning and I can get here by 10:00. 25 we'll start at 10:00 on Monday and I'll give you that hour

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       back. I'll work out a way to give you that hour back. So I
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       just want to make sure everybody is aware of that.
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                 MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you, Your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: I'll see everybody at --
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            Ms. McClure.
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                 MS. MCCLURE: Your Honor, I just need to complete
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       the record that I had previously offered in terms of the
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       documents I didn't have copies of. So I'll provide those --
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                 THE COURT: Okay.
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                 MS. MCCLURE: -- which is 23655 with Appendices A
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       and B.
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                 THE COURT: All right. We'll be in recess until
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       9:00 in the morning.
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            (Trial recessed at 5:11 p.m.)
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